File 24 CULT. FOUNDER RESCUE!

IT WAS 2 YEARS AGO...

I DON'T REMEMBER WHERE, BUT I WAS HACKING INTO THE SERVER OF SOME CORPORATION.

AND I FOUND A STRANGE ENCRYPTED FILE.

WHAT IS THIS...?

IT WAS A WAY HIGHER LEVEL OF ENCRYPTION THAN A PRIVATE CORPORATION SHOULD HAVE...IT WAS AT THE MILITARY LEVEL.

SO I TRIED TO DECODE IT AS A CHALLENGE.

IS THIS...A JOKE?

NO...

YOU WOULDN'T JOKE ABOUT THIS...!!

FUJIMARU...

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

TERRORISTS TRYING TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT...?

NO, DAD!!

YOU SHOULDN'T BELIEVE THE RUMORS YOU SEE GOING AROUND THE INTERNET.

WELL, THINKING FOR A SECOND THAT IT'S TRUE...

HOW DOES A NORMAL MIDDLE SCHOOLER LIKE YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?

ON YOUR COMPUTER AGAIN?

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FUJIMARU...?

DAD, YOU KNOW OF HIM, RIGHT?

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HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT...?

THE HACKER WHO'S GOTTEN INTO "THIRD-I"'S SYSTEM COUNTLESS TIMES.

"FALCON".

!?

"FALCON"...

IS ME...

I'M SORRY!!

BUT...THAT'S HOW I SAW WHAT I WAS TELLING YOU ABOUT...

FUJIMARU.

DO YOU...

UNDERSTAND EXACTLY...

WHAT YOU'VE DONE!?

!

...I DO...

BUT! IF THIS TERRORIST PLAN IS REAL...

SOMETHING UNTHINKABLE COULD HAPPEN!!

SO...

CAP TAKAGI GAVE THE INFORMATION HE GOT FROM FUJIMARU-KUN TO "THIRD-I"...

AND THEY MOVED TO STOP THE PLAN.

THANKS TO THAT, THE LEADER OF THE GROUP PLANNING THE ATTACK WAS RESTRAINED AND THE WORST POSSIBLE SITUATION WAS STOPPED.

IF THAT PLAN HAD ACTUALLY BEEN CARRIED OUT...WE'D STILL BE FEELING THE EFFECTS.

IN THE GOVERNMENT, IN THE POLICE...AND IN THE JSDF AS WELL.

JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING IN THIS COUNTRY WOULD HAVE GONE TO HELL...

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BUT...

BECAUSE THE PLAN WAS STOPPED...

渡航証明
POLICE CERTIFICAT

THAT INCIDENT HAPPENED...

SORRY FOR KEEPING YOU WAITING...

WHAT!?
WHAT'S THIS UPROAR ABOUT...?

AH...
KAH...

FIFTEEN BELIEVERS OF THAT GROUP BROKE INTO THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS WITH POISON GAS WEAPONS.

THE RINGLEADER BEHIND THE TERROR PLAN I STOPPED...

WAS THE FOUNDER OF A CULT GROUP.

THAT TERRORIST ATTACK HAD 87 CASUALTIES...

IT WAS ALL FOR THE SAKE OF RESCUING THE CULT FOUNDER.

THAT WAS THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS POISON GAS TERRORIST ATTACK.

IT HAPPENED IN AUGUST, TWO YEARS AGO.

THEY ENDED UP FAILING IN RESCUING THE CULT FOUNDER THEY WERE THERE FOR...

AND THE CULT BEHIND THE ATTACK WAS DRIVEN TO DESTRUCTION.

THE REASON THEY ATTACKED THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS IS STILL PUBLICLY SAID TO BE UNKNOWN...

BUT THAT WAS THE REAL REASON.

I WAS...

BACKUP.

KUJOU-SAN... YOU KNEW ABOUT THIS!?

SO THE SITUATION WAS SUPPOSED TO BE OVER.

LET'S GET BACK ON TOPIC.

...WHAT?

... NOTHING.

...HMM.

I TOLD YOU BEFORE, RIGHT? I LEARNED A LOT ABOUT HOW TO USE COMPUTERS FROM HIM.

IT'S THIS.

YES.

IS THERE A LINK BETWEEN THE RESOLVED TERRORIST ATTACK FROM TWO YEARS AGO...

AND THE CURRENT RUSSIAN BIOTERRORISM?

IT'S THE DATA FROM A GENETIC ANALYSIS OF THE GENOCIDE VIRUS.

ALPHA AND...BETA VIRUSES?

ALPHA IS THE INFORMATION ON THE RUSSIAN VIRUS THAT CHIEF OKITA RISKED HIS LIFE TO GIVE TO MY DAD.

IT'S DATA THAT SHIKIMURA-SAN ATTACHED TO THE OKITA FILE.

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IT LOOKS LIKE DATA OF AN ANALYSIS OF THE SAME VIRUS TO ME...

AN EXTRA?

AN EXTRA THAT SHIKIMURA-SAN ADDED IN.

AND BETA IS...

THE DATE...?

THE FIRST WAS RECENT...LOOKING AT THE LANGUAGE USED, IT WAS ANALYZED IN RUSSIA.

THE DATE'S DIFFERENT...!?

YES... THE TIME OF ANALYSIS WAS DIFFERENT.

AND...

THE OTHER ONE...

IN JAPAN.

THAT'S RIGHT AFTER THE POISON GAS TERRORIST ATTACK!

SO, THAT VIRUS WAS USED THEN, TOO?

THE DATE IS...

AUGUST...

OF TWO YEARS AGO...!!

THE DAMAGE WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH, MUCH WORSE.

AND IF SOMETHING LIKE THAT WAS USED...

AT THAT TIME... NO ONE SAID ANYTHING ABOUT SYMPTOMS LIKE THAT OF THE RUSSIAN VIRUS...

THAT COULDN'T BE.

WHEN I HACKED THE TERRORIST PLAN...

FROM THE CONTEXT AND HOW OFTEN IT WAS USED, I THOUGHT IT MUST BE CENTRAL TO THE PLAN...

THERE WAS A "WORD" I DIDN'T KNOW THE MEANING OF

BUT AT THE SAME TIME, I COULDN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT IT WAS.. .PERHAPS...

IT WAS PROBABLY SUPPOSED TO BE USED IN THE TERROR ATTACK..

BUT BEFORE THAT, THEIR PLAN WENT BUST AND "THIRD-I" SEIZED IT.

PROBABLY...

IT WAS A CODE NAME FOR THE VIRUS THAT CAUSED THE "CHRISTMAS MASSACRE"...?

..SO..THIS INCIDENT IS BEING DONE BY THAT CULT, TOO..?

THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE THERE'S SOME CONNECTION TO IT.

IF SO, I GET WHY MY DAD AND I WERE WRAPPED UP IN IT

I SEE.

IN THE DOCUMENT, I'M PRETTY SURE IT SAID THAT WHEN THEY DID A SEARCH...

THEY SEIZED A LOT OF DANGEROUS THINGS ON TOP OF THE POISON GAS.

TO THEM, WE WOULD BE WHO THEY HATE THE MOST.

.....!!

MOST LIKELY...

PROFESSOR SHIKIMURA WAS RECOMMENDED BY CAP

HE MUST HAVE BEEN ASKED TO DEVELOP AN ANTIVIRAL IN CASE ANOTHER TERRORIST ATTACK OCCURRED USING THE SAME VIRUS.

BUT .. WHY DID SHIKIMURA-KUN HAVE .

THE DATA OF THE BETA VIRUS FROM 2 YEARS AGO?

DATA THAT IMPORTANT WOULD NEVER BE TAKEN OFF THE PREMISES.

NO...THIS DATA IS NOTHING THAT DIRECT.

THEN.. THE OTHER FILE TELLS HOW TO MAKE THE ANTIVIRAL!?

FUJIMARU-KUN, HOW'S THE DECRYPTION GOING?

IT..CAN'T BE DONE BY ANY NORMAL MEANS...

OH, THE OPERATION'S DONE..

SO THE SHIKIMURA FILE IS A "TREASURE MAP" TO THE ANTIVIRAL... HUH?

THE ENCRYPTED FILE SHIKIMURA-SAN LEFT WITH MUNAKATA-SAN PROBABLY...

CONTAINS SOME KIND OF HINT RELATED TO THE ANTIVIRAL.

HURRY, FUJIMARU-KUN.

THEY'RE HURRYING TO GET IT DECRYPTED AT "THIRD-i"..BUT I'M SURE YOU'RE FASTER.

I KNOW...

DAMN. ANOTHER ERROR...

OKAY.. I'LL DO IT WITH A DIFFERENT ALGORITHM...

THIS IS ONE HELL OF AN ENCRYPTION..

BUT, MAN, SHIKIMURA-SAN.

YES, HE IS.

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IS FUJIMARU-KUN THERE?

WE HAVE AN URGENT FAVOR TO ASK.

YES, HOUSHOU HERE

WHAT IS IT, KIRISHIMA-KUN

YES, HE IS

UNDERSTOOD.

.....

SORRY... IT'S URGENT

AOI, CAN YOU LOOK AFTER MY DAD? OTOYA AND I ARE GOING OUT FOR A BIT

...WHAT? WHAT IS IT?

FUJIMARU-KUN, LET ME INTERRUPT YOU FOR A SECOND.

THE THING IS...

Eh!?

IF SOMETHING HAPPENS, CONTACT US RIGHT AWAY

...YEAH.

WILL DO.

THE RINGLEADER OF THE TERRORIST PLAN FROM TWO YEARS AGO...

RIGHT NOW...

WHERE IS HE?

THEN, WE'RE GOING.

HOUSHOU-SAN.

MOST LIKELY...

IT WAS DECIDED THAT HE WAS TO BE EXECUTED, BUT I NEVER HEARD OF IT HAPPENING.

...!

HE'S IN A PRISON FOR CRIMINALS WHOSE CRIMES MAKE THEM A MATTER OF NATIONAL SAFETY

KANTO SPECIAL PRISON

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HOO, DONE.

MARLO! HOW'RE THINGS OVER THERE?

WHO KNOWS... EVERYONE IMPRISONED HERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WILL NEVER LEAVE THESE WALLS ALIVE.

THERE MAY BE A MEANING TO IT, THERE MAY NOT.

I'M DONE.

GOOD, ONII-SAN.

OH, YOU'RE DONE.

WHAT A PAIN.

BUT IT SEEMS LIKE THE BATHROOM DRAINS WERE PURPOSEFULLY CLOGGED UP AGAIN.

HOW MANY TIMES IS THIS NOW? WHAT PURPOSE IS THERE BEHIND IT?

AT ANY RATE, YOU HAVE TO QUICKLY TAKE CARE OF ALL YOUR MISGIVINGS.

ESPECIALLY ...

WHEN IT'S RELATED TO THAT MAN...

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YEAH.

..HEY.

THAT'S HIM, RIGHT? THE GUY BEHIND THE WATER PIPES.

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HE'S FROM... THAT, RIGHT?

THE GROUP FROM THAT INCIDENT 2 YEARS AGO...

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DON'T DO ANYTHING ELSE WEIRD!!

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YOU WANTED... TO TALK WITH ME?

ORIHARA-SENSEI...

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YOU WANTED...TO TALK WITH ME?

I WANT TO MAKE A DEAL.

ORIHARA-SENSEI...

BLOODY MONDAY
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YES.. A MOST ADVANTAGEOUS DEAL.

ESPECIALLY FOR YOU ALL...

...A DEAL?

OF COURSE.

THAT'S WHAT A DEAL IS.

AND FOR YOU TOO, ORIHARA-SENSEI. ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

TAKAGI-KUN.

...

OH...

I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT.

MY DAD TAUGHT ME NOT TO LISTEN TO THE DEMANDS OF CRIMINALS.

BUT YOU HACKED INTO...

THE TRANSFORMER SUBSTATION FOR US, DIDN'T YOU?

!

IS IT REALLY?

SO YOU SHOULDN'T GIVE INTO THE DEMANDS OF TERRORISTS...

IS THAT WHAT YOU THINK?

WELL, I DID HACK INTO IT.

BUT .. THAT WAS TO THWART THE PLANS OF ENEMIES WHO HAD THE VIRUS...

AND IF I...

SAY IT ISN'T?

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DID YOU THINK THAT THE PEOPLE YOU WERE UP AGAINST WERE TOO STUPID TO THINK OF THAT KIND OF THING?

OR.

DID YOU THINK THAT OUR OBJECTIVE WAS JUST TO GET YOU TO HACK INTO IT?

DID YOU NOT THINK THAT WE WOULD TAKE IT INTO CONSIDERATION THAT YOU WOULD PLACE SOME KIND OF TRAP?

DIDN'T YOU HAVE A VAGUE FEELING...

THAT IT WAS ALL A LITTLE TOO EASY?

KANOU-SAN.

HOW FAR DID YOU GO WITH ORIHARA MAYA'S INTERROGATION?

I USED DRUGS, ELECTRIC SHOCKS, SOUND, AND LIGHT...

A NORMAL PERSON WOULD HAVE GIVEN IN AT THAT LEVEL.

SHE GOT THE FULL COURSE IN HALF A DAY.

AND THERE WAS NO EFFECT?

THAT WE COULD SEE.

BUT SHE MIGHT BE RIGHT AT HER LIMIT

THAT MIGHT BE WHY SHE SUDDENLY ..

CALLED FOR FUJIMARU-KUN TALKING ABOUT A DEA...

IS THERE A POSSIBILITY..

THAT SHE HAS ANY CONTACT WITH HER COMRADES?

HEY, HEY. ARE YOU SERIOUS, KIRISHIMA?

SHE GOT A COMPLETE BODY SEARCH AT "THIRD-I"

THEY SAID SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANY KIND OF COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE.

THE TIMING WAS TOO GOOD.

SHE HINTED AT A CONFESSION RIGHT AFTER WE GOT CUSTODY OF CAP TAKAGI..

IT'S POSSIBLE.

HUH? YOU, TOO, SAYURI-CHAN ..

HIS LIFE ISN'T IN DANGER, BUT, DUE TO HIS INJURIES AND FATIGUE, HE HASN'T COME TO YET...

HE'S IN THE HOSPITAL.

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YOU FOUND THE VICE CHIEF?

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THEN...

OUR ONLY LEAD RIGHT NOW...

IS ORIHARA MAYA...

IF THINGS STAY AS THEY ARE...

A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE GOING TO DIE.

AND YOU ALL HAVE NO WAY OF STOPPING IT.

IF YOU DON'T HAVE MY HELP, THAT IS.

!!

WE'LL HEAR WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY.

EH!?

WHY EXACTLY...

DO YOU PEOPLE...

HAVE THE...

FUJIMARU-KUN.

RIGHT?

THE CHOICE OF WHETHER TO DO WHAT SHE SAYS IS STILL OURS.

...

A PLEA BARGAIN.

WHAT ARE...

YOUR DEMANDS?

FINE.

WE'LL DISCUSS THIS.

HOUSHOU-SAN!?

THAT'S WHERE, IN EXCHANGE FOR INFORMATION THAT HELPS RESOLVE THE CASE, THE CRIMINAL'S PUNISHMENT IS LIGHTENED.

IT'S A COMMONLY USED TACTIC IN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS.

HEY.. THIS ISN'T AMERICA.

QUIET, FUJIMARU-KUN.

BUT...

THERE'S NO REAL SYSTEM FOR IT...BUT PLEA BARGAINS DO INFORMALLY HAPPEN EVEN IN JAPAN.

...

THEN THIS REALLY IS AN ADVANTAGEOUS DEAL.

IF WE CAN SAVE A LOT OF LIVES BY REDUCING THE PENALTY OF ONE CRIMINAL...

IF MY INFORMATION GETS YOU THE EXPECTED RESULTS, I WANT TO BE RELEASED REGARDLESS OF MY CRIMES.

THAT IS MY WISH.

DO IT HERE.

I'LL TALK TO THE HIGHER UPS ABOUT THIS.

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...KIRISHIMA-KUN.

COULD YOU MAKE THE CALL?

KIRISHIMA-KUN.

THIS IS KIRISHIMA OF "THIRD-I".

IT'S BEEN A WHILE

UM ..

I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK ABOUT THE CASE THAT OTOYA-KUN GOT CAUGHT UP IN

SO YOU'VE ALREADY HEARD

IT SOUNDS LIKE...

MY GRANDSON HAS HELPED YOU OUT.

IS A PLEA BARGAIN?

SO BASICALLY WHAT YOU'RE ASKING FOR.

YES...

THE SUSPECT IS HOPING FOR A PARDON.

FINE.

I, KUJOU MASAMUNE, THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE, GIVE YOU APPROVAL.

MAKE SURE TO GET SOME RESULTS.

FINE.

THANK YOU.

THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE OVER.

WE HAVE APPROVAL.

WE'LL GET THE FAX AND THE PDF FILE WITH THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE'S SIGNATURE LATER.

DON'T FORGET THAT THIS...

IS DEPENDANT ON THIS GETTING US RESULTS.

!!

I'D LIKE YOU TO COME ALONG, TOO.

TAKAGI-KUN..

OH, AND...IF POSSIBLE...

THERE'S SOMEWHERE I WANT TO LEAD YOU TO.

OF COURSE.

ARE YOU AFRAID?

OR...

WILL YOU COME?

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS. WHY DO YOU WANT HIM TO..?

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FUJIMARU-KUN!!

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I'LL GO.

HOUSHOU-SAN.

GEEZ.. YOU'VE ONLY JUST MET ME.

NORMALLY I'M QUITE THE GENTLEMAN.

OH...MR. SADIST IS COMING, TOO?

!!

I'LL GO ALONG.

AHH... SAYURI-CHAN.

I UNDER-STAND.

A LITTLE MORE THAN I'D LIKE TO.

FU..

BUT.. WELL, IF YOU TURN OUT TO BE LYING, I MIGHT DO SOMETHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

AND WHO KNOWS WHAT WOULD HAPPEN THEN?

THEN, I'LL GO, TOO...

WAIT, KIRISHIMA-KUN.

...OKAY

WE LEAVE HQ TO YOU.

YOU'RE MORE OF A TECHNICAL PERSON.

I'LL GO.

.....

IT LOOKS LIKE THINGS WILL BE BUSTLING...

HEE HEE HEE

HEE HEE HEE

HEE HEE HEE

..HEE HEE.

IS THAT SO?

"J".

MAYA HAS MOVED FROM "THIRD-I".

THEN CAN YOU CONNECT WITH HER?

COME TO THINK OF IT, HOW ARE YOU CONNECTING WITH HER?

ROGER.

AH, I SEE.

THEY USE METAL TO FIX TEETH...

SO IT DOESN'T RAISE TOO MUCH SUSPICION FOR THE METAL DETECTOR TO FIND IT.

IT USES MORSE CODE THROUGH HER JAWBONE.

THERE'S AN ULTRA-SMALL RECEIVER IN HER TOOTH.

THOSE ARE JUST THE SIGNAL FROM THE OUTSIDE BROADCASTING VANS WE DEPLOYED NEAR "THIRD-I", SO THEY CAN'T BE PICKED BY RADAR.

WE CAN'T RECEIVE ANY TRANSMISSIONS FROM HER, AND AS FOR THE RECEPTIONS SHE PICKS UP HERSELF...

YES.

BUT DUE TO TECHNICAL LIMITATIONS FROM ITS SIZE, IT CAN ONLY RECEIVE.

YEAH.

OKAY, LET'S BEGIN.

IT'S AN HONOR, "J".

INTERESTING.

I'M GLAD I GOT TO WORK WITH YOU, MIKHAIL-KUN.

WE'RE ON THE SAME SIDE, BUT WE LIVE IN DIFFERENT WORLDS.

HER AND US...

I WANT TO...

GIVE HER MY INSTRUCTIONS DIRECTLY.

IT'S NOT IMPOSSIBLE THAT SHE WOULD BETRAY US.

IT HAS BEGUN.

SAWAKITA-SAN, HOW'S THE PURSUIT USING N SYSTEM?

WHY, KIRISHIMA-SAN?

THERE ARE 2 "THIRD-I" INVESTIGATORS ONBOARD...

JUST IN CASE, PUT THE SATELLITE TRACKING SYSTEM ON STANDBY

SYNCHRONIZE IT WITH N SYSTEM AND GIVE THE PURSUING CARS THE SATELLITE DATA.

THEY WANTED HER TO CONFESS QUICKLY

I ONLY SAW A LITTLE BIT OF IT

WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE INTERROGATION OF ORIHARA MAYA?

...SAWAKITA-SAN.

YES... SHE MUST HAVE UNDERGONE A LOT OF TRAINING...

BUT SHE DIDN'T BREAK.

N SYSTEM: A MACHINE THAT PHOTOGRAPHS AND RECORDS THE LICENSE PLATES OF PASSING CARS.

EH...?

OR.

THE INTERROGATION WASN'T AS BAD AS IT LOOKED...

EH?

NO, NOT AT ALL!!

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR NERVE AFTER ALL?

WHAT IS IT, FUJIMARU-KUN?

...

OH.

THE VIRUS?

KANOU-SAN, ABOUT THE VIRUS...

WAIT .. KANOU-SAN.

THE ROAD! KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE ROAD!!

ACTING TOUGH, HUH? YOU CERTAINLY GOT YOUR OLD MAN'S OBSTINATENESS.

FROM NOW ON, YOU TWO AREN'T TO SPEAK OF THE "CHRISTMAS MASSACRE" VIDEO OR THE VIRUS..

IT MEANS THERE'S A SPY IN "THIRD-I".

AH.. RIGHT.

EH...?

FUJIMARU-KUN!!

GRAP.

THIS IS HARDER THAN I THOUGHT I WOULD BE...

IT'S HARD TO KNOW HOW MUCH CAN TALK ABOUT...

...NOTHING.

...SORRY.

YOU KEEPING A SECRET FROM ME?

WHAT? SAYU-CHI, WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE?

HM?

AN ANALOG PERSON?

WHAT DOES HE MEAN?

WELL, WHATEVER.

I AM AN ANALOG PERSON AFTER ALL.

I WOULDN'T GET IT EVEN IF YOU DID TELL ME.

I NEED TO REMEMBER.

WHEN WAS IT...!?

SOMETHING'S ...OFF.

WHAT IS IT? I HAD THIS FEELING BEFORE, TOO.

"DAMN IT..."

"WAS IT SOME KIND OF WEIRD VIRUS OR SOMETHING!?"

"IT COULDN'T BE..."

DOES THAT MEAN...!?

WAIT A SECOND...!!

IT COULDN'T BE...

THE SPY IS...

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ORIHARA-SENSEI... SHE WAS LYING ABOUT GIVING INFORMATION FOR THE PLEA BARGAIN!!

THE SPY'S TRUE IDENTITY...!!!

ALONG WITH HER "COMRADE" WHO HAS INFILTRATED "THIRD-I"...!!

THIS WAS DONE SO SHE COULD ESCAPE...

THE REASON I ASKED FOR A PLEA BARGAIN?

OR MAYBE WHERE WE'RE HEADED?

I WONDER WHAT HE'S THINKING ABOUT.

THIS IS A RETURN MATCH, "FALCON".

I'VE GOTTEN OUT ALONG WITH MY "COMRADE".

IT'S TOO LATE.

IF YOU'RE ONLY PLANNING ON ESCAPE, WHY DID YOU NEED ME TO COME ALONG-?

ORIHARA-SENSEI... WHAT ARE YOU THINKING/?

A-ANYWAYS, I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING

I HAVE TO LET THEM KNOW..

IS SHE..PLANNING ON TAKING THE "THIRD-I" MEMBER AND ME HOSTAGE?

NO..IF THEY SCREWED IT UP...!!

...YEAH.

NO GOOD.

"close"

IF I DON'T DO THIS RIGHT AND THEY SUSPECT SOMETHING, THEY'LL ACT IMMEDIATELY

FIRST I HAVE TO LET KIRISHIMA-SAN AT HQ KNOW.

IT'S TOO DANGEROUS TO SPEAK IT HERE.

!!

OH, TAKAGI-KUN.

IS THAT COMPUTER THE ONE I GAVE YOU?

IT'S NOT LIKE THE COMPUTER'S A CRIMINAL.

AND THIS IS THE ONLY ONE I HAVE WITH ENOUGH POWER.

WELL, YOU DESTROYED MY PREVIOUS COMPUTER.

HEE HEE

I'M PLEASED.

SO YOU'RE STILL USING IT

AH...OF COURSE I DID A THOROUGH SCAN AND DIDN'T FIND ANYTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY

IF THEY RIGGED IT IN SOME WAY .

FUJIMARU-KUN!

THAT'S DANGEROUS!

SO IT SEEMS.

IT SEEMS HE'S STILL USING THAT COMPUTER.

I DIDN'T FIND ANY SUSPICIOUS PROGRAMS.

REALLY?

I GUESS HE IS A CHILD AFTER ALL.

I CAN'T BELIEVE HE WOULD FEEL SAFE AFTER SUCH A LIGHT CHECK...

AFTER MAYA WAS CAPTURED, THERE WAS NO RECORD OF THE DEVICE BEING ACTIVATED AND, IF HE'D FOUND IT, HE WOULD HAVE DESTROYED THE COMPUTER...

YOU'LL LOSE.

IF YOU THINK LIKE THAT..

BECAUSE IT'S YOU, I'LL GIVE YOU A TIP

"FALCON" IS A "WIZARD" CLASS HACKER.

YOU NEED TO BE THINKING OF THOSE KINDS OF POSSIBILITIES... OKAY?

"HE MAY HAVE ACTUALLY FOUND IT."

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I'LL LEAVE THE JUDGMENT TO YOU.

...."K".

HOW ARE THINGS?

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AS WE APPROACH THAT DAY, GET RID OF EVERYTHING THAT ISN'T CERTAIN.

THAT IS ALL.

BUT..

YES.

AS IN...

ABDUCTING HIM?

YOU ALL ARE QUITE GOOD.

WELL...

I THINK I'LL TALK WITH FALCON DIRECTLY.

I WANT TO MEET HIM FACE TO FACE.

...THAT'S RIGHT.

WE'LL GET YOU ONE WHEN WE GET BACK.

YES...

BUT I'D STILL LIKE A MACHINE WITH A LITTLE MORE POWER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

ARE YOU SURE IT'S OKAY?

IT'LL BE SIMPLE, RIGHT?

NO, THESE PEOPLE AREN'T YOUR AVERAGE OPPONENTS.

I NEED TO CALM DOWN AND THINK. MAYBE I'M OVERTHINKING THIS.

EVEN THE FACT THAT I DON'T FIND IT SUSPICIOUS COULD JUST BE THAT I'M BEING MADE TO THINK THAT.

NO MATTER HOW I THINK ABOUT IT...!!

...I KNEW IT.

IN THIS SITUATION...!!

DAMN IT!! WHAT SHOULD I DO...

A LITTLE FURTHER.

HAVE WE MADE IT TO THE DESTINATION YET?

OH! MAYA-CHAN.

WHAT SHOULD I DO...?

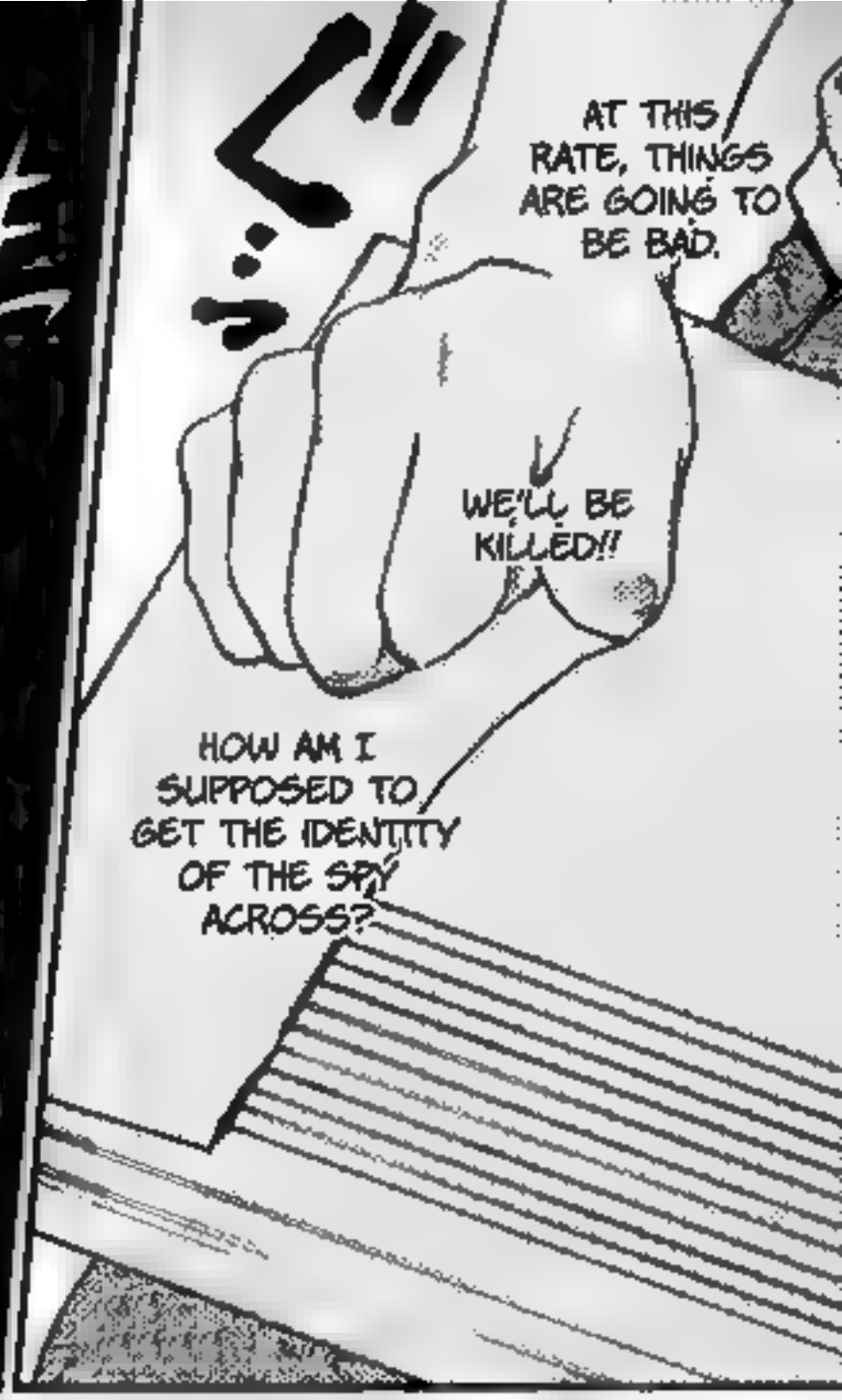
WHAT SHOULD I DO!?

ONCE WE GET OUT OF THE CAR, THEY COULD MAKE THEIR MOVE TOGETHER...!!

COULD YOU NOT RUSH THIS, MR. IMPATIENT?

.....!!

HUH?!


AT THIS RATE, THINGS ARE GOING TO BE BAD.
WE'LL BE KILLED!!
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO GET THE IDENTITY OF THE SPY ACROSS?

IN THE END...
ALL I HAVE IS THIS COMPUTER!!

YOU KEEP OPENING AND CLOSING THAT THING...

CAN'T STAY CALM, CAN YOU, FUJIMARU-KUN?

HEH HEH

YOU REALLY ARE SCARED, AREN'T YOU!?

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UNTIL THE CAR STOPS.

I TOLD YOU I WASN'T SCARED...

YOU SURE ARE PERSISTENT, KANOU-SAN.

I HAVE UNTIL-THEN TO FINISH THIS!!

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"KIRISHIMA-SAN"

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I'M FAIRLY CERTAIN I KNOW THE IDENTITY OF THE TRAITOR. THE TRUTH IS, I WANTED A LITTLE MORE TIME TO CONFIRM IT, BUT WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME. I'LL WRITE IT HERE. THE SPY IS KANOU. I NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE.

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KIRISHIMA-SAN.

I'M COUNTING ON YOU...!!

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CHECKING THE CAMERAS AT POINT 12-B.

THE SATELLITE TRACKING SYSTEM HAS BEEN SYNCHRONIZED WITH THE N SYSTEM.

I WANT TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON INSIDE THE CAR.

MAGNIFY IT.

ROGER.

WE HAVE A LOCK ON THE TARGET VEHICLE.

IT LOOKS LIKE...

NOTHING'S WRONG...

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NO UNUSUAL MOVEMENT SPOTTED YET..
COULD YOU BE OVERTHINKING THIS?
THAT WOULD BE NICE..

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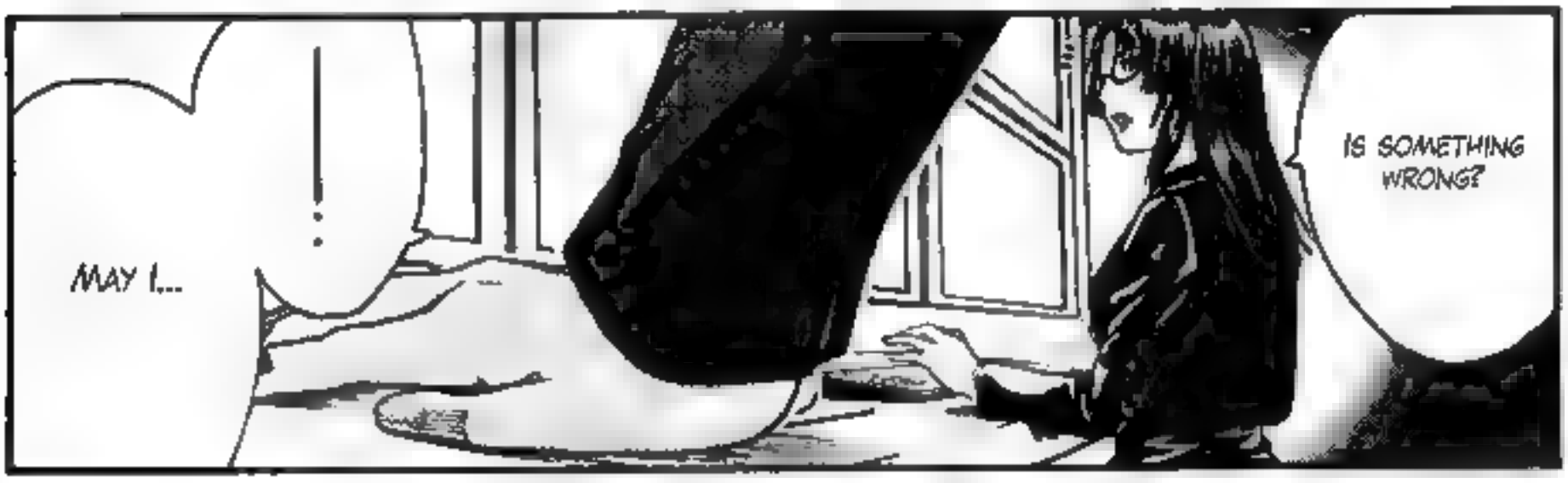
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MAY I...
IS SOMETHING WRONG?

GO AHEAD.

USE THAT TERMINAL?

KIRISHIMA...

THE TAKABI GROUP OF "THIRD I"'S

THIS IS...

YOU CERTAINLY HAVE TAKEN US TO A PLACE WITH AN INTERESTING ATMOSPHERE TO IT

C'MON, GET OUT

I'LL SHOW YOU THE WAY EVEN IF YOU DON'T PESTER ME SO MUCH.

WELL, SORRY FOR BEING IMPATIENT.

YES.

IT WAS ADDRESSED TO KIRISHIMA-SAN...WE SHOULD BE GETTING BACKUP FROM "THIRD-I" BEFORE LONG.

FUJIMARU-KUN, THAT EMAIL...

...

YES!

ARE YOU...

SURE?

FOR NOW, WE CAN'T LET ORIHARA-SENSEI GET AWAY.

THAT'S RIGHT...

KANOU-SAN MIGHT'VE SEEN THE EMAIL, TOO.

OKAY, I'LL HEAR YOUR REASONING LATER.

I THINK IT'S DANGEROUS TO GET ANY CLOSER LIKE THIS.

YOU THINK IT MIGHT BE AN AMBUSH?

THAT'S RIGHT

EVERYTHING COMES AFTER THAT.

IF WE'RE GOING TO MOVE...WE NEED TO FIND A REASON TO RESTRAIN HER SOMEWHERE.

HM?

KANOU-SAN, WAIT A SECOND.

WELL, WE COULDN'T RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF AN INFORMATION LEAK.

HOW ABOUT WE LOCK ORIHARA MAYA TO THAT PIPE..

AND DO A LITTLE RECONNAISSANCE?

O...KAY.

...GOT IT

NOW!!

PUT DOWN...

THE GUN.

.....

SAYURI-CHAN.

BANG

!!

HURRY!!

SHOOT HIM!!

SHOOT THE SPY!!

I'M POINTING...

THE GUN...

AT THE SPY, HOUSHOU-SAN.

FUJI...MARU-KUN.

WHAT ARE YOU...?

ROGER

KIRISHIMA... WE'VE GOT HER.

IT'S A COMMON CRYPTOGRAM USED ON ONLINE BBS'S.

THAT'S WHERE A DIFFERENT SENTENCE IS FORMED BY READING ONLY THE FIRST LETTER OF EACH LINE.

WH...

WHY ME!? IN THAT EMAIL...

THAT WAS...WHAT'S KNOWN AS VERTICAL READING.

THIS EMAIL...

WAS SENT TO KIRISHIMA'S CELL PHONE, SO IT WOULD HAVE A NEW LINE EVERY 10 CHARACTERS.

I

I'M FAIRLY CERTAIN I KNOW THE IDENTITY OF THE TRAITOR THE TRUTH IS, I WANTED A LITTLE MORE TIME TO CONFIRM IT, BUT WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME. I'LL WRITE IT HERE. THE SPY IS KANOU I NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE.

THAT WOULD MAKE IT LOOK LIKE THIS...

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[TN. THE TEXT ON THE CELL PHONE IS THE SAME AS THE EMAIL, BUT THE FIRST LETTER OF EACH LINE SPELLS OUT "HOUSHOU IS AN ENEMY." I'M NOT EVEN GONNA TRY TO MAKE THAT WORK IN ENGLISH.]

HOUSHOU-SAN...

THE SPY...

...IS YOU.

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INVESTIGATOR HOUSHOU SAYURI IS TO BE BROUGHT IN UNDER SUSPICIONS OF BEING A PART OF A TERRORIST PLOT.

SIX ARMED INVESTIGATORS ARE HEADING TO THE SITE BY HELICOPTER.

FOR THE SAKE OF SHARING INFORMATION, EVERYONE WILL BE COMMUNICATING USING MULTICHANNEL.

INVESIGATOR KANOU IS HOLDING HER AT THE PLACE ORIHARA MAYA LED THEM TO.

DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN...IF WE LET THEM GET AWAY, WE'LL HAVE TO START THE INVESTIGATION ANEW.

KANOU-SAN, WHAT'S THE SITUATION?

WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF CAPTURING HER.

NO SIGN OF HER COMRADES.

...HEY.. KIRISHIMA.

ARE YOU... SURE ABOUT THIS?

AH!?

SORRY.

I WAS AT THE POINT OF OF SUSPECTING YOU.

I DON'T HAVE ANY DETAILS YET...

BUT TO BE HONEST...

FOR NOW, LET'S TRUST FUJIMARU-KUN.

THE VICE CHIEF'S SON WOULDN'T INVITE THIS KIND OF CHAOS WITHOUT GOOD REASON.

I'M FAIRLY CERTAIN I KNOW THE IDENTITY OF THE TRAITOR. THE TRUTH IS, I WANTED A LITTLE MORE TIME TO CONFIRM IT, BUT WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME. I'LL WRITE IT HERE. THE SPY IS KANOU. I NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE

...NO.

THAT'S JUST WHAT I'D LIKE TO BELIEVE.

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DAMN IT..

OKAY..

...

THIS IS...

THE OUTSIDE BROADCASTING VAN...

HOW'S OUR PURSUIT TEAM?

OK

『J』

"THIRD-I" HAS STARTED TO MOVE.

IN ABOUT 7 MINUTES...

THEY'LL BE THERE..

THEY'RE HEADING FOR THE SITE.

"J" TO MAYA...

OUR GOAL IS TO RESCUE YOU...

AND CAPTURE FALCON.

SHE'S WITHIN THE RELAY AREA, SO I'LL CONNECT YOU.

CAN WE TRANSMIT TO MAYA'S MORSE CODE RECEIVER?

TELL THEM TO HURRY.

TO MEET MY EXPECTATIONS.

YOU NEED TO DO YOUR BEST...

NOW...

...

REINFORCEMENTS WILL BE HERE SOON.

WE'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO LISTEN TO YOUR EXCUSES ONCE WE GET BACK, SAYURI-CHAN.

IT'S BEEN SHUT DOWN, ORIHARA-SENSEI.

WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO MY PLEA BARGAIN?

OH, MY...INTERNAL TROUBLE?

BUT IT WAS JUST A LIE USED SO YOU COULD ESCAPE, WASN'T IT!?

...

I WOULD HAVE BEEN SHOT

THERE'S NO WAY THERE WOULDN'T BE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN US AND HQ.

WELL.. FUJIMARU-KUN, YOU CERTAINLY TOOK DRASTIC MEASURES.

WHAT WERE YOU GOING TO DO IF KIRISHIMA HADN'T CONTACTED ME?

THAT'S HOW IT WAS WITH MY DAD..

SO I KNEW THAT THE PEOPLE OUT HERE WOULD HAVE THOSE RECEIVERS.

WHY ARE YOU SAYING THAT I'M A SPY!?

DON'T MOVE, SAYURI-CHAN.

WAIT ..CALM DOWN!!

WHY!?

IF YOU DID THAT FOR NO REASON, I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO KEEP QUIET ABOUT IT.

YOU POINTED A GUN AT A COMRADE.

I'D LIKE TO HEAR THE BASIS FOR THAT, TOO, FUJIMARU-KUN.

THE VICE CHIEF'S SON.

EVEN IF YOU ARE..

...WHAT I SAID?

CAME FROM AN OUT OF PLACE FEELING I GOT FROM WHAT YOU SAID, KANOU-SAN.

MY BASIS FOR THIS...

YEAH...I DIDN'T LIKE HOW IT FELT LIKE YOU WERE HIDING SOMETHING.

WELL... IT'S TRUE THAT I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT COMPUTERS...

YES.

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN I SAID SOMETHING...

ABOUT A VIRUS AND HOUSHOU-SAN STOPPED ME?

HUH?

THAT'S IT

I WASN'T TALKING ABOUT A COMPUTER VIRUS.

I WAS REFERRING TO...

A PATHOGEN. AN ACTUAL VIRUS.

AN ACTUAL...

VIRUS!?

WHY ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN?

...SO YOU REALLY DIDN'T KNOW....

ABOUT THE RUSSIAN GENOCIDE VIRUS.

YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN SHAKEN.

IF YOU SAW SOMETHING THAT MADE YOU THINK OF THAT GENOCIDE VIRUS RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU...

"WAS IT SOME KIND OF WEIRD VIRUS OR SOMETHING?"

"IT COULDN'T BE..."

WHEN THE GUY PRETENDING TO BE DOCTOR TOMINAGA'S HUSBAND VOMITED BLOOD AND DIED...

IF YOU DID, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SAY THAT SO CASUALLY...

THIRD

FOR YOU TO MISTAKE ME SAYING "VIRUS" FOR A COMPUTER VIRUS IS STRANGE FOR THE SAME REASON.

EVEN THOUGH IT'S AT THE HEART OF THE CASE THAT "THIRD-I" IS AFTER RIGHT NOW..

AND IT ISN'T JUST YOU, KANOU-SAN..

NO ONE AT "THIRD-I" KNEW ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF THE GENOCIDE VIRUS THAT BROUGHT SO MUCH BLOOD TO THAT SIBERIAN RAILROAD.

IT'S NOT ODD THAT KANOU-SAN DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT THAT!!

WAIT, FUJIMARU-KUN!!

SEE... THAT'S WHY!!

HEY, NOW.. I NEVER HEARD ANTHING ABOUT THAT!

A GENOCIDE..

VIRUS!?

THE HIGHER UPS' PLAN WAS TO KEEP THE SPREAD OF INFORMATION TO AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM!!

SINCE THERE WAS A CHANCE THAT THERE WAS A SPY IN "THIRD-I"..

IT COULDN'T BE HELPED!!

NO, IT ISN'T

SO, ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY THAT YOU'RE THE ONLY SITE INVESIGATOR THAT KNOWS ABOUT THE VIRUS?

ISN'T THAT POSSIBLE!?

TO TAKE EXTREME CAUTION.

IN ORDER TO PREVENT INFECTION OR SPREADING OF THE VIRUS, WE WOULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN MAXIMUM PRIORITY ORDERS...

BUT SINCE THIS IS A PATHOGEN...

IF IT WAS SOME OTHER KIND OF WEAPON, MAYBE...

THAT'S... RIGHT

IT'S DANGEROUS TO FIGHT AN ENEMY WHO HAS A VIRUS, AND YOU'RE SAYING THAT...

YOUR SUPERIORS DIDN'T TELL THE SITE INVESTIGATORS ABOUT THE VIRUS...?

HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE THAT!?

I KNOW IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE...

BUT IT'S THE TRUTH!!

LIAR!!

I ONLY SPOKE OF THE VIRUS WITH YOU, HOUSHOU-SAN.

AND YOU DIDN'T TELL "THIRD-I"...

THAT CAN ONLY MEAN THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO HIDE THAT INFORMATION!!

NO...!!

THAT'S NOT IT..THAT'S NOT IT

I CAN'T TELL YOU...

THE REASON...

RIGHT NOW...

BUT I'M NOT A SPY!!

HOUSHOU-SAN.

WHEN THAT FOREIGNER SHOT YOU AT TOMINAGA CLINIC..

IT WAS...IN THE HEART, RIGHT?

EH

THAT'S RIGHT!

HE TRIED TO KILL ME!!

DOESN'T THAT PROVE MY INNOCENCE MORE THAN ANYTHING!?

BUT...

YOU'RE ALIVE.

THAT'S BECAUSE I HAPPENED TO BE WEARING A BULLETPROOF VEST.

IT'S ODD.

HE DIDN'T BOTHER TO CHECK IF HIS OPPONENT WAS DEAD AND JUST LEFT..

AND...

HE DIDN'T STRIKE ME AS THE KIND OF AMATEUR WHO WOULD DO THAT

THE POLICEMEN HE KILLED WERE DEFINITELY SHOT IN THE HEAD.

BUT...

YOU ALONE WERE SHOT IN THE HEART.

BUT KILLING ME WASN'T HIS OBJECTIVE...

THAT'S...

SO WHY?

THERE WAS A GOOD CHANCE THAT A "THIRD-I" INVESTIGATOR WOULD BE WEARING A BULLETPROOF VEST..

THAT'S NOT A REASON FOR HIM TO NOT KILL YOU.

HE HAD NO REASON TO HESITATE...

OR TO KEEP YOU ALIVE.

...HOUSHOU-SAN.

EVEN...IF YOU...SAY THAT...

HE LIKED TO KILL.

ON THAT DAY, HE'D ALREADY KILLED HIS ENEMY

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EASY IF YOU WERE A SPY.

WHEN THE REAL ONE GOT BACK, YOU...

WHEN THEY SWITCHED HIM FOR THE FAKE...

THEN WHAT ABOUT DOCTOR TOMINAGA'S HUSBAND?

IS THAT SO?

GOOD.

N...

NO...!!

HAVE YOU MET TAKAGI FUJIMARU?

DEAL WITH EVERTHING HE HAS ON HIM, HIDE THE BODY, AND SWITCH OUT WITH HIM.

...OKAY?

AT THAT TIME...

YOU EVEN CALLED ME TO SEE IF..

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I KNEW TOMINAGA-SAN, DIDN'T YOU?

...

FUJIMARU-KU-

JUST ADMIT IT ALREADY!!

SO THAT HARUKA COULD BE ABDUCTED AGAIN, DIDN'T YOU!?

YOU LET A COMRADE GET IN...

YOU'RE THE SPY!!

THE FAKE TOMINAGA, YOU NOT BEING KILLED...

IT ALL FITS...

AND EVEN THEM KNOWING ALL OF OUR MOVEMENTS!!

.....

HARUKA WAS TRULY WORRIED ABOUT YOU...!!

EVEN THOUGH WHEN SHE THOUGHT YOU'D DIED...

WHAT IF HE...

ACTUALLY DOES KNOW ABOUT IT?

.....!?

NO!! PLEASE BELIEVE ME, FUJIMARU-KUN!!

THEN WHY DIDN'T KANOU-SAN KNOW ABOUT THE VIRUS!?

THINK CAREFULLY...

THE OUT OF PLACE FEELING YOU GOT FROM WHAT KANOU-SAN SAID...

ISN'T THERE ANOTHER EXPLANATION FOR IT?

IF IT'S ALREADY BEEN IN HIS BLOOD, OF COURSE HE WON'T BE AFRAID OF INFECTION.

THERE HAS TO BE A "USER" WHO HAS ALREADY TAKEN THE VACCINE.

WHEN THE VIRUS IS USED AS A WEAPON...

IF HE'S...

A TERRORIST...

SO INSTEAD OF A VIRUS THAT CAN'T INFECT HIM...

HE'D BE AFRAID OF, AND THEREFORE THINK OF, A COMPUTER VIRUS MADE BY FALCON, RIGHT?

...

I SEE.

SO YOU'RE SAYING...

THAT YOU'RE NOT THE SPY...

I AM?

...AM I WRONG?

OKAY...

WE'LL FIGURE OUT WHO'S RIGHT AND WHO'S WRONG BACK AT "THIRD-I".

.....

HEH

!

HEE

HEE

HEH

HEH

HEH

HEE

HEE

HEE

GOING THIS FAR INTO THIS FARCE DOESN'T BEFIT YOU..

DOES IT, HOUSHOU-SAN?

WHAT DO YOU...MEAN...?

!?

I'M SAYING YOU SHOULD GO AHEAD AND ADMIT IT.

YOU CAN GET YOUR PENALTY REDUCED WITH A PLEA BARGAIN ALONG WITH ME...

NOT BAD, RIGHT?

DON'T SAY THINGS LIKE THAT!!

!?

SHE'S TRICKING YOU!! IT'S A TRAP, FUJIMARU-KUN!!

...!!

WHAT...

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO, ORIHARA MAYA!!?

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WHAT...

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO,

ORIHARA MAYA!!?

BLOODY MONDAY
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WHAT'S GOING ON!?

WHAT IS ORIHARA-SENSEI TRYING TO DO...?

SO NOW YOUR SIDE IS BREAKING UP?

I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT A PAIN-IN-THE-ASS GROUP LIKE YOU THAT READILY COMMITS SUICIDE...

AND TALKS ABOUT GRANDIOSE THINGS LIKE A VIRUS WOULD HAVE A LITTLE MORE CONVICTION...

OH...BUT I THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD IDEA.

FUJIMARU-KUN.

DON'T BE LED ASTRAY BY HER TRAP!!

GIVE IT A REST...

SO, IN REALITY, YOU'RE AN AMATEUR GROUP?

DON'T PLAY DUMB!!

YOU'RE THE SPY, AREN'T YOU, KANOU-SAN!

THAT MEANS THAT..

IN THE APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES BEFORE THE HELICOPTER ARRIVES..

HE'LL MAKE HIS MOVE!!

FUJIMARU-KUN... WE'LL KNOW WHETHER I'M TELLING THE TRUTH...

SOON ENOUGH.

YOUR MESSAGE SAID THAT I WAS THE SPY, DIDN'T IT?

BUT THAT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT BACKUP FROM "THIRD-I" IS HEADING HERE.

IF I SEE HIM DOING ANYTHING EVEN REMOTELY ODD..

I'LL...

PROTECT YOU WITH MY LIFE.

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YOU JUST DON'T GIVE THE FOOLISHNESS A REST, DO YOU, SAYURI-CHAN?

OH.. YOU'RE SAYING THAT I'M GOING TO DO SOMETHING?

OF COURSE.

YOU'RE GOING TO LET ORIHARA MAYA ESCAPE, RIGHT?

ISN'T THAT RIGHT, FUJIMARU-KUN.

IF I WAS GOING TO DO THAT, I WOULD'VE ALREADY DONE IT

TAKE ME AS HOSTAGE, AND LET ORIHARA-SENSEI GET AWAY.

HE WOULD HAVE HAD PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES TO DEFEAT HOUSHOU-SAN.

HE'S RIGHT. IF KANOU-SAN WERE THE SPY...

FU...

..I KNOW THAT, KANOU-SAN.

YOU CAN KEEP AIMING AT ME.

MAKE SURE YOU STAY READY.

.....!

.....

WE'LL KNOW THE TRUTH BEFORE LONG.

.....

IT'S TRUE THAT HE HAD PLENTY OF OPPURTUNITIES...

BUT, IN DOING SO, HE WOULD HAVE REVEALED HIS IDENTITY

IF IT COMES DOWN TO IT...

SHOOT TO PROTECT YOURSELF!!

IF I ASSUME THAT HE NEEDS TO REMAIN IN "THIRD-I" FOR SOME REASON

HE WOULD HAVE SHOT HOUSHOU-SAN IN THAT INSTANT!!

IF KANOU-SAN WAS THE SPY AND HE NEEDED TO STAY UNDER COVER.

...NO!! I CAN'T BE LEAD ASTRAY!

IF HE PINNED THE CRIME OF BEING A SPY ON HOUSHOU-SAN AND KILLED HER...

HE COULD STAY IN "THIRD-I" WITHOUT SUSPICION...!!

...YES.

OF COURSE.

HEE HEE.

THAT'S RIGHT, THAT'S RIGHT

!!

FUJIMARU-KUN...

DON'T LISTEN TO THEM.

...OKAY?

QUIET!!

HEE HEE.

HE SHOULDN'T PAY THIS PITIFUL PLAY ANY HEED... RIGHT, TAKAGI-KUN?

WHY IS SHE DOING THIS...?

WHY IS SHE OUTING HER SUPPOSED COMRADE AS A SPY...!?

THEN... WHAT IS ORIHARA-SENSEI TRYING TO DO?

SO. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, KANOU-SAN?

WE SHOULD BE HEARING THE HELICOPTER FROM "THIRD-I" BEFORE LONG.

ONCE THAT HAPPENS, YOU'LL HAVE LOST YOUR CHANCE TO LET ORIHARA MAYA GO, RIGHT?

OR HAVE YOU ALREADY GIVEN UP?

I COULD SAY...

THE SAME THING TO YOU, SAYURI-CHAN.

IF I CAN KEEP THINGS LIKE THIS UNTIL THEN...

A COUPLE MORE MINUTES IF I WAIT A COUPLE MORE MINUTES, REINFORCEMENTS WILL BE HERE!

IT'S OKAY IF THIS KEEPS UP, IT'LL BE FINE.

THE SPY IS DEFINITELY HOUSHOU-SAN.

IT'S NOT...

KANOU-SAN...!

NO CHANGES.

THAT'S ABOUT THE SAME TIME THE "THIRD-I" HELICOPTERS WILL ARRIVE.

THE PURSUING VEHICLES WILL BE AT THE SITE IN ANOTHER 5 MINUTES.

...WHY DO YOU THINK THAT IS?

NO MATTER HOW WELL A HUSBAND WHO'S CHEATING ON HIS WIFE LIES, HIS WIFE USUALLY SEES THROUGH IT.

...HEY, MIKHAIL-KUN.

IT'S SO UNNATURAL THAT..

IT MAKES HER THINK THAT HE'S HIDING SOMETHING... RIGHT?

WHEN A HUSBAND WHO NORMALLY NEVER TALKS ABOUT WORK SUDDENLY STARTS GRUMBLING ABOUT HAVING TO WORK OVERTIME...

WELL...

BECAUSE IT'S REMOVED FROM HIS PERSONAL TRUTH.

HUMANS ARE GOOD AT NOTICING WHEN SOMETHING IS "UNNATURAL"

THIS IS SURPRISINGLY GOOD.!

HE MAKES EXCUSES.

THAT'S WHY.

...UM...WELL

THEN, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU SHOULD DO TO GET SOMEONE TO THINK THAT THE TRUTH MIGHT BE A LIE?

YOU CAN HAVE ONE.

RIGHT..

THE UNNATURAL THINGS HE SAYS TO HIDE THE TRUTH ARE WHAT GIVES HIM AWAY.

YOU SHOULD SIMPLY...

TELL THEM THE TRUTH YOURSELF.

NOW THEN...IT'S ALMOST TIME.

DO EVERYTHING AS I TOLD YOU TO..

IT'S ALL DEPENDENT ON YOUR ABILITIES NOW .

I'M COUNTING ON YOU, MAYA...

AND...

HOUSHOU-SAN.

CAN I ASK YOU ONE THING?

WHAT?

SO THAT HE WOULD FIND IT UNNATURAL AND BE SUSPICIOUS OF HER TRYING TO TRICK HIM

THAT'S RIGHT...

MAYA TOLD FALCON THAT HOUSHOU WAS THE SPY...

BUT HOW WAS THAT ENOUGH TO THROW THINGS OFF?

WE HEARD THAT FALCON WAS HAVING MISGIVINGS ABOUT KANOU...

WE COULD TELL THAT THEY WERE IN A STALEMATE THROUGH THEIR VOICES ON THE RADIO.

IT'S JUST...

THAT'S BECAUSE...

YOU DON'T GET IT?

HEH HEH...

THERE ARE 3 WHERE THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN 2...

IS ONE WAY TO PUT IT.

THAT'S RIGHT.

KANOU IKUMA...

WOULD BE FINE DIVIDING HIS ATTENTION BETWEEN HOUSHOU AND MAYA.

BUT...

BECAUSE OF FALCON'S DOUBTS, HE HAS TO KEEP WATCH ON HIM AS WELL.

FALCON'S GUN COULD BECOME POINTED AT HIM AT ANY POINT...

HE CAN'T SHAKE THAT UNEASINESS.

AND HE CAN'T LET HIS GUARD DOWN ON HOUSHOU WHO IS EXCELLENT AT HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT.

IF HE'S DEFEATED, MAYA WILL GET AWAY AND FALCON WON'T GET OFF EASY.

BECAUSE OF THAT...

HIS ATTENTION TO MAYA HAS NATURALLY DIMMED BECAUSE HE RESTRAINED HER TO THAT PIPE HIMSELF.

BUT...

THE WOMEN...

WON'T OVERLOOK THAT.

THAT AREA WAS AN ESCAPE SPOT WE PREPARED IN CASE OF CAPTURE BY THE ENEMY

THAT PIPE WAS CUT IN AN INCONSPICUOUS WAY BEFORE HAND... AND PLENTY MORE TRICKS WERE PREPARED AS WELL.

IT'S OUR WIN...

KANOU-SAN.

HURRY!

SHOOT HER!!!

...SHOOT!!

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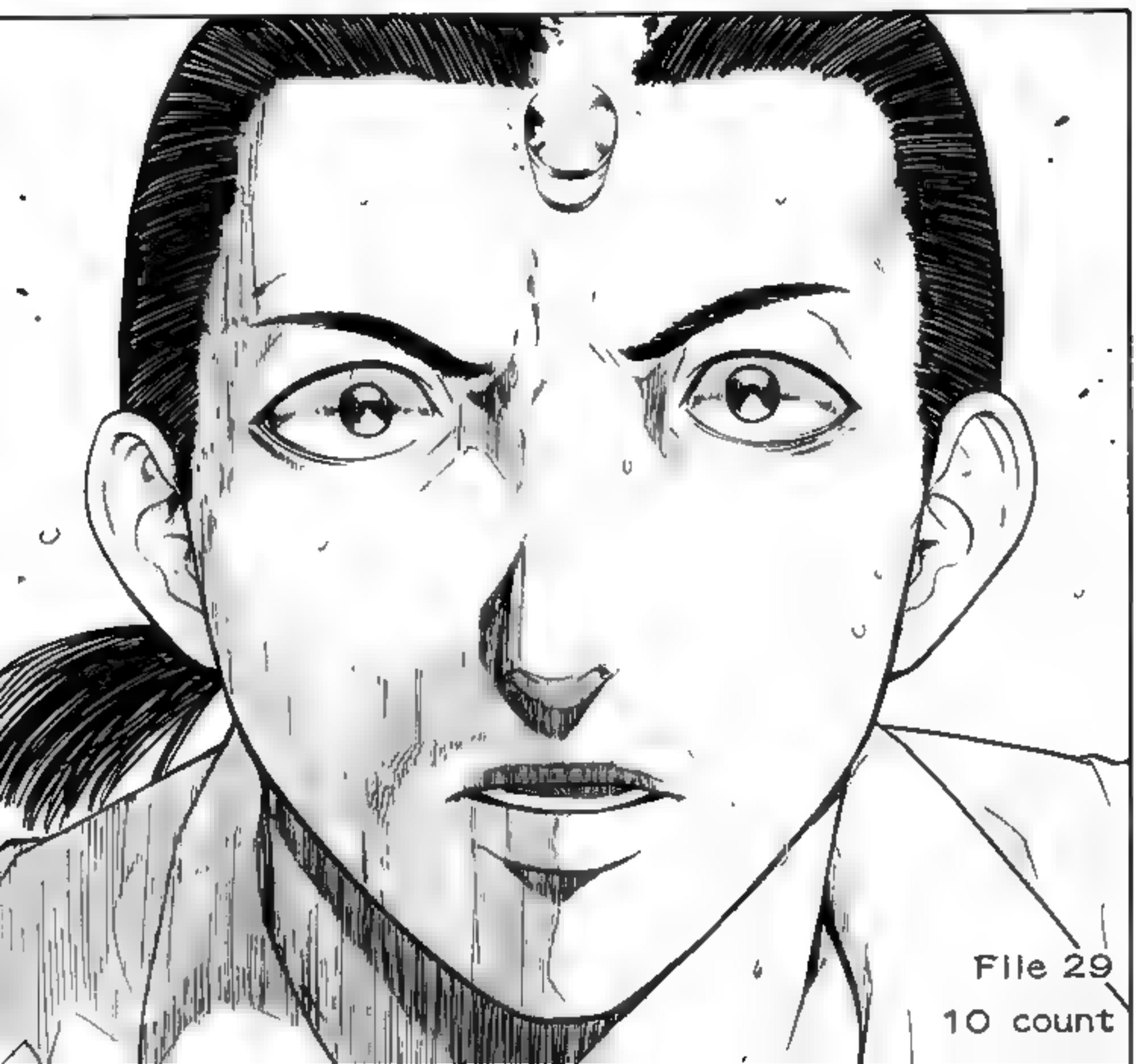

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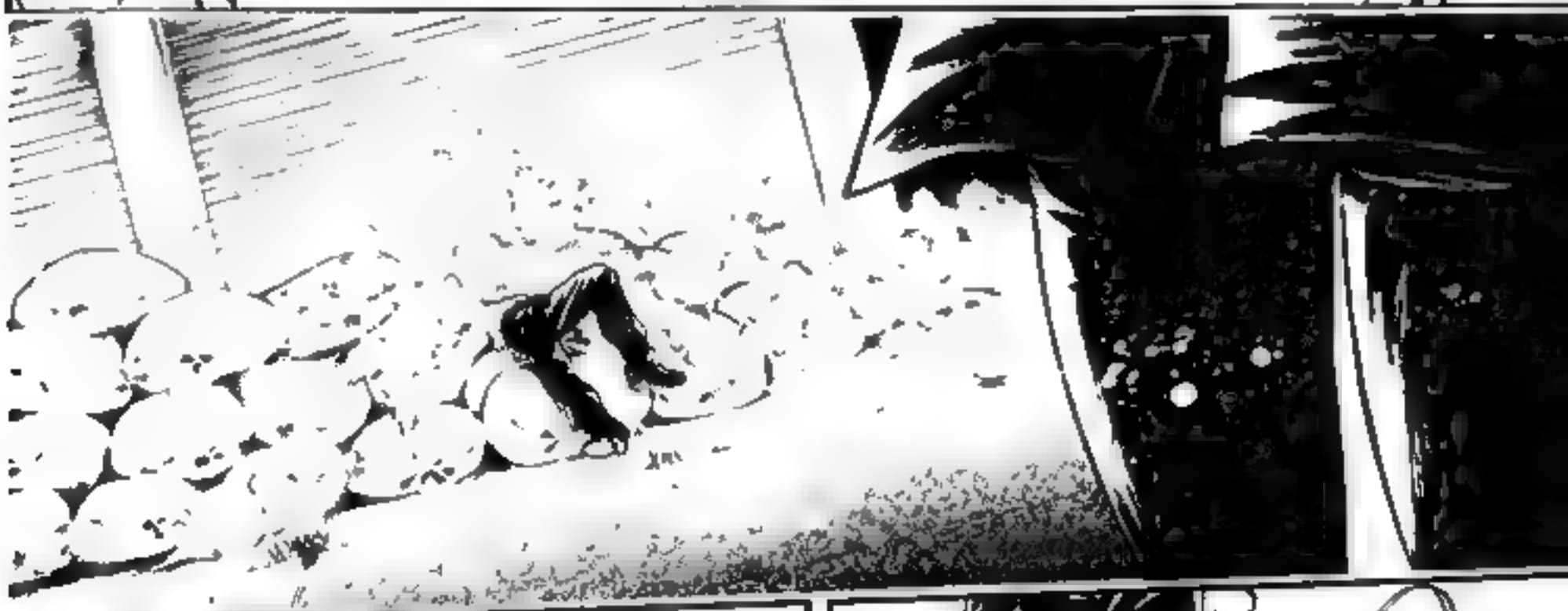

WHAT HA-

KANOU -SAN
KANOU-SAN!?

WHY!?

WHY!?

PUT DOWN THE GUN.

WHY DID YOU SHOOT YOUR COMRADE!?

HE WASN'T MY COMRADE.

YES, HE WAS!!

KANOU-SAN THOUGHT YOU WERE!!

I WAS A SPY...

AND HIS ENEMY.

BUT IN REALITY...

MAKING HIM THINK THAT...

WAS PART OF MY JOB.

.....

N...

NO!!

PUT DOWN THE GUN AND DO WHAT WE SAY

AS YOU KNOW, WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME.

..OKAY, THAT'S ENOUGH TALKING.

!!

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO END UP LIKE KANOU, DO WHAT WE SAY.

...

WE ALREADY TOLD YOU.

WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME.

I-IF YOU'RE GOING TO SHOOT ME, THEN SHOOT ME!

THERE'S SOMETHING YOU WANT ME TO DO FOR YOU, ISN'T THERE?

SO?

IF YOU DIE HERE, WE CAN GET SOMEONE TO REPLACE YOU.

THAT'S WHY YOU SPENT SO MUCH TIME KIDNAPPING MY SISTER

YOU WON'T KILL ME.

YOU MUST HAVE BEEN ORDERED NOT TO.

I DON'T THINK YOU HAVE...

ANYONE TO REPLACE ME.

PUT DOWN THE GUN.

NOW...

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...I'LL WAIT 10 SECONDS.

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AS THE ONE WHO DESTROYED YOUR PLAN 2 YEARS AGO!

YOU DON'T HAVE A REPLACEMENT ...!!

IF THERE WAS, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE LET ME LIVE THIS LONG...

SHE THREATENED ME BY FIRING INTO THE AIR BECAUSE IF SHE SHOT TOWARDS ME...

THERE'S A CHANCE IT WOULD RICOCHET AND HIT ME...

I'M AN EYESORE AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS EXISTENCE TO THEM, RIGHT!?

JUST LIKE YOU SAID BEFORE...

IT'S FINE...IT'S FINE. SHE WON'T SHOOT

THERE'S NO WAY SHE'LL SHOOT

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WAIT!!

W...

...NO!!

I'M GOING TO MAKE YOU REGRET NOT SHOOTING ME JUST NOW!

BECAUSE THIS TIME...THIS TIME, I'LL SHOOT YOU!!

...ARE YOU GOING TO DO WHAT WE SAY?

...

YOU'RE MUCH TOO SOFT

.YOU WON'T SHOOT ME.

..GIVE IT A REST AND SHUT UP

I'M GOING TO PULL THE TRIGGER!

..HOUSHOU-SAN, PUT DOWN YOUR GUN!

!

STOP,

YOU TWO.

AT THIS RANGE, I WON'T MISS!

.....

!!

HE'S JUST A KID ACTING TOUGH... OKAY?

IT'S NATURAL FOR HIM TO GET WORKED UP IN THIS SITUATION.

I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT FROM YOU...

AFTER THAT SAME KID CAUGHT YOU.

BUT I ALREADY RECOGNIZE HIS SKILL.

IT WASN'T THE POLICE OR "THIRD-I" THAT HAS BEEN INFLUENCING THE SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF OUR PLANS.

IT'S BEEN THAT HIGH SCHOOL KID.

...TRUE ENOUGH....

LOWER YOUR GUN.

.....

.....

HOW ABOUT WE...

MAKE A DEAL?

.....!?

...FOR REAL THIS TIME.

I ALREADY TOLD YOU...

I HAVE NO INTENTION OF MAKING A DEAL...

WITH TERRORISTS...!!

..HOUSHOU-SAN.

PUT DOWN YOUR GUN.

OR EVEN BETTER...

THROW IT DOWN...

BY FALCON'S FEET

LET'S MAKE A DEAL.

...OKAY.

!!

WHAT... DID YOU SAY?

MAKE A DEAL WITH YOU.

WHY SHOULD I...

I NOW HAVE COMPLETE CONTROL OVER THE SITUATION.

YOU'RE GOING TO...

KEEP US HERE WITH THAT GUN?

OH...

SO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO...?

KEEP YOU HERE UNTIL "THIRD-I" GETS HERE.

.....

I REALLY WILL SHOOT YOU!!

DON'T GET ANY CLOSER!

IT'S OKAY.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO CAUTIOUS.

LOOK...AS YOU CAN CLEARLY SEE...

I'M UNARMED, RIGHT?

...HMM.

AS EXPECTED OF SOMEONE WITH REAL BATTLE EXPERIENCE LIKE ORIHARA MAYA.

WITH REAL BATTLE EXPERIENCE?

IF HOUSHOU-SAN HAD CONTINUED TO AIM HER GUN AT HIM...

FALCON REALLY WOULD HAVE SHOT HER.

THE FACT THAT KANOU WAS KILLED..

HAS GIVEN HIM A REASON.

...?

EVEN THOUGH HE DIDN'T SHOOT WHEN IT TRULY MATTERED...

REALLY?

IN FACT, THAT'S THE REASON WHY.

...A REASON...?

THERE'S A REASON A TRULY GOOD PERSON WHO WOULD NEVER HURT A FLY CAN EASILY SHOOT AND KILL THE ENEMY ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

IT'S KNOWN AS "WAR MENTALITY".

JUST LIKE HIS COMRADE'S CORPSE THAT IS LYING ON THE GROUND.

IF THINGS CONTINUE AS THEY ARE, HE'LL BE KILLED.

THE GUN THAT KILLED HIS COMRADE IS BEING POINTED AT HIM NOW.

HE HAS A REASON TO JUSTIFY SHOOTING THE ENEMY.

IN THAT SITUATION...

...STAY BACK.

IT'S OKAY.

IF WE TRY ANYTHING, YOU CAN JUST SHOOT US, RIGHT?

BUT, IN MAKING THEM UNARMED, ORIHARA MAYA HAS TAKEN THAT REASON FROM HIM.

SO THAT'S WHAT HAVING REAL BATTLE EXPERIENCE IS.

...AMAZING.

SHOOTING AN UNARMED PERSON...

IS SOMETHING HE CAN'T JUSTIFY BECAUSE HE PRETENDS TO BE SOME KIND OF ALLY OF JUSTICE.

I WAS CONFLICTED ABOUT WHETHER SHE SHOULD BE MADE TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HER MISTAKE...

SHE SHOULD HAVE JUST DONE SO FROM THE BEGINNING.

MAYBE SHE'LL FINALLY GET TO SHOW OFF HER SPECIALTY.

BUT THAT MIGHT NOT BE NECESSARY NOW

THEN...

WOULD THIS MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER?

MR. COWARD.

...

ARE YOU THAT AFRAID OF AN UNARMED PERSON?

PUSHES THE GUN INTO THE CRIMINAL'S BACK...

DON'T MOVE!

YOU, TOO, HOUSHOU-SAN!

...

YOU'RE LIKE THE HERO OF A TV DRAMA.

HEH HEH.

YOU'RE SO COOL, TAKAGI-KUN.

...BUT Y'KNOW, TAKAGI-KUN.

WHENEVER YOU SEE A SCENE WHERE THE HERO WHO IS A BATTLE PRO...

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YOU CAN KNOW...

THAT IT'S A LIE.

IT WON'T... MOVE...

THE DISCONNECTER KEEPS THE HAMMER FROM FALLING.

IF YOU PRESS ON THE MUZZLE OF A BLOWBACK SEMI-AUTO LIKE THIS...

THE GUN...!?

KH...!?

IT TELLS HER WHERE THE GUN IS...

AND SHE CAN EVEN PUT HER FINGER IN THE HAMMER AND, JUST LIKE NOW, THE GUN WON'T FIRE.

WAAH...

YOU SHOULD NEVER THREATEN A PRO BY PUSHING THE GUN INTO THEM.

AND THEN SHE POINTS THE GUN AT HIM.

SO WHEN A TRUE PRO IS THREATENING SOMEONE WITH A GUN...

SHE GETS TO A RANGE AT WHICH THE TARGET CAN'T FIGHT BACK AND AT WHICH SHE CAN DEFINITELY HIT HIM...

JUST LIKE THIS...OKAY?

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DON'T MOVE.

DAMN... IT!!

AS YOU SAID, WE WON'T KILL YOU.

BUT...

DEPENDING ON HOW YOU RESPOND, YOU COULD END UP IN A BIT OF PAIN.

YOU DON'T WANT THAT...DO YOU?

File:30
your own fault

A HELICOPTER!

HERE COMES "THIRD-1"

HOW ABOUT WE GET MOVING? IT WOULD BE A PROBLEM IF THEY SAW US.

...THAT'S RIGHT

A HELICOPTER!

BUT THEY'RE TOO LATE...!!

IF I HAD...!!

KANOU-SAN...!!

THIS IS...A NIGHTMARE!!

.....

HOUSHOU-SAN.

CONNECT THE "OTHER RADIO"

AND...

OKAY.

THE TEAM HEADING TO THE SITE NEEDS TO GO PAST THE EXTRACTION POINT AND HEAD WEST.

ROGER.

IS THE ONE SHE'S IN CONTACT WITH THEIR LEADER...?

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...

DO EVERYTHING AS YOU'RE TOLD.

I'LL BE A LITTLE WAYS AWAY, BUT THE GUN WILL ALWAYS BE AIMED AT YOU.

...WHAT'S... GOING ON...?

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.. WHA...

I'VE TAKEN OUT THE BULLETS.

DON'T GET ANY IDEAS.

IF YOU'RE GIVEN AN INJURY THAT WILL NEVER HEAL.

LET'S JUST SAY..

AS LONG AS YOU SURVIVE, WE DON'T MIND

SO BE A GOOD BOY.

WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON...!?

KANOU-SAN...

KANOU-SAN!!

!!

WE'VE LOST CONTACT WITH THE SITE! THE REINFORCEMENTS NEED TO HURRY-

I'LL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING SOON.

BUT FIRST WE NEED TO GO AFTER ORIHARA MAYA AND KANOU-SAN!!

WHAT DID YOU DO!? WHERE'S KANOU-SAN?

WAIT.

A RADIO TRANSMISSION FROM HOUSHOU-SAN...!?

HE'LL NEVER BELIEVE HER!!

WHY IS SHE DOING THIS?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?

WHAT?

CONCLUDED THAT YOU WERE A SPY.

JUST NOW, WE HAD...

TO BE HONEST...

I'M NOT! THAT WAS MISINFORMATION.

KANOU-SAN IS THE SPY.

THAT CAN ONLY MEAN THAT YOU WERE HIDING THE INFORMATION...

WE HADN'T HEARD ANYTHING...

ABOUT THIS GENOCIDE VIRUS.

I'LL EXPLAIN IT ALL LATER!!

!!

THE PLATE NUMBER WAS...

IT WAS A GUN METALLIC STATION WAGON WITH A SMOKE WINDOW TINT.

THEIR COMRADES PICKED THEM UP IN A CAR AND HEADED WEST.

RIGHT NOW CHASING AFTER THOSE TWO TAKES PRECEDENCE!!

THERE IT IS!

THE DIRECTION AND CAR TYPE MATCHES WHAT SHE SAID.

KNOWING THE NUMBER, IT SHOULD ONLY TAKE A COUPLE OF SECONDS.

STARTING UP THE N SYSTEM AND SATELLITE TRACKING.

WE'LL TURN TO THE WEST.

ROGER.

SAKAKI-SAN.. YOUR TARGET HAS CHANGED.

GO AFTER THE ENEMY VEHICLE.

PLEASE!!

HURRY...!!

.....!!

...NO.

THE POSSIBILITY OF HER BEING THE SPY ISN'T GONE.

SO KANOU-SAN REALLY WAS...

HOUSHOU-SAN'S INFORMATION WAS CORRECT...

....

I'LL CHANGE TO THE CEL'S VIDEOPHONE.

YES, JUST A SECOND.

HE'S WITH YOU, RIGHT?

PUT FUJIMARU-KUN ON, PLEASE.

...

...KH ...

DON'T YOU?

YOU UNDERSTAND...

I JUST HEARD THAT KANOU-SAN WAS THE SPY

SO YOU'RE OKAY, FUJIMARU-KUN

THAT'S A RELIEF

...HELLO.

THIS IS TAKAGI

IS THAT TRUE?

...!

I SEE.

BUT I WASN'T ABLE TO DO ANYTHING.

TO BE HONEST I HAD MY SUSPICIONS ABOUT HIM...

YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THIS.

...YES...

DAMN... IT...!!

DO YOU BELIEVE ME NOW?

KIRISHIMA-KUN

THANK YOU.

...PLEASE HURRY.

I DON'T MIND

I WANT TO HEAR YOUR EXPLANATION AS SOON AS WE CAPTURE THEM.

HURRY BACK TO HQ.

...

...THIS IS JUST TOO MUCH.

HOUSHOU-SAN WAS SHOT AND THE HIGH SCHOOLER HAD THE GUN.

SO THE SPY REALLY WAS KANOU-SAN...

?

SO YOU'LL BE DOING SOMETHING ELSE

ROGER.

...THERE'S A CAR AND A BIKE AT POINT D.

YOU TWO TAKE THE CAR.

THAT WAS QUITE A GOOD PERFORMANCE.

HEE HEE

THAT'S A LIE... THEY'LL FIGURE IT OUT WHEN THEY CAN'T CONTACT ME!

I AM.

WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING ON DOING?

YOU COULDN'T BE HEADING BACK TO "THIRD-I", COULD YOU?

IF YOU DIDN'T, IT WOULD INDICATE YOUR LOCATION THROUGH LOW-POWER TRANSMISSIONS, RIGHT?

...

I DON'T PLAN ON FOOLING THEM FOR LONG.

...?

C'MON, TAKAGI-KUN.

TAKE THE BATTERY OUT OF THE PHONE AND PUT IT IN YOUR BAG.

WHAT... ARE THEY PLANNING?

DAMN IT...

WHAT SHOULD I DO..?

OH...AND DO THE SAME FOR THE COMPUTER I GAVE YOU...

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PLEASE NOTICE...

HOW ABOUT WE TAKE A NICE DRIVE?

NOW, LET'S GO.

...KIRISHIMA-SAN!!

WHERE IS THIS..?

I DON'T FEEL LIKE I'VE WALKED VERY FAR, BUT..

WE'RE THERE.

.. WHERE IS THIS...?

THE TORTURE ROOM.

WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING ON HAVING ME DO?

IT'S A "WORK ROOM" WE PREPARED FOR YOU.

JUST KIDDING.

HEE HEE

EVEN IF IT COSTS YOU YOUR LIFE?

THAT

THAT WAS JUST A SMALL LIE...AND IF I'D DONE ANYTHING THEN, IT WOULDN'T HAVE CHANGED ANYTHING.

I WON'T DO WHAT TERRORISTS TELL ME...

EVEN IF IT COSTS ME MY LIFE!

BUT DIDN'T YOU JUST GIVE FALSE EVIDENCE JUST BECAUSE I THREATENED YOU A LITTLE?

YOU WOULDN'T BE HERE RIGHT NOW.

YOU FOOL.

IF YOU HAD THAT KIND OF RESOLVE...

YOU'RE SCARED.

AND THAT'S BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE YOUR PAPA OR YOUR PAWNS OF FRIENDS HERE TO PROTECT YOU.

...!!

YOU MAY BE FALCON, THE GENIUS HACKER, BUT THAT'S ALL YOU ARE.

YOU NEEDN'T FORCE YOURSELF.

I WON'T DO IT EVEN IF YOU KILL ME!!

IF IT'S SOMETHING THAT PUTS THE LIVES OF "THIRD-I" OR ANY OTHER PEOPLE AT RISK...

..WHAT RESOLVE YOU HAVE.

HEE HEE

NO, THAT'S... NOT TRUE!!

YOU'RE NOT A PRO.

YOU WON'T GIVE UP YOUR LIFE FOR THAT LAME SENSE OF JUSTICE YOU HAVE. AND YOU DON'T NEED TO.

EH?

BUT WHAT WE WANT YOU TO DO IS NOTHING SO GRANDIOSE.

AND THEN COMPLETELY DELETE THAT COPY.

THAT'S ALL.

!?

HACK INTO "THIRD-I" AND FIND THE "CHRISTMAS MASSACRE" VIDEO FILE..

IT'S SOMETHING YOU CAN EASILY DO.

COULD THERE STILL BE SOME "SECRET" HIDDEN IN THAT FILE!?

WHY HAVE ME DO THAT NOW?

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.....?

WE'LL GIVE YOU A REASON TO OBEY US.

DON'T WORRY.

..HEE HEE.

THEN COULD YOU LET HIM HEAR THEIR VOICES?

YES.

IT'S MAYA.

HAVE YOU ARRIVED?

.....

AREN'T YOU BORED? I BROUGHT YOU A CAKE.

SORRY FOR KEEPING YOU WAITING.

YAY!

IT'S SUCH A PRETTY CAKE! THANK YOU, HOUSHOU-SAN!!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

!!!

IF YOU DO WHAT WE SAY, NOTHING.

BUT...

IF YOU REFUSE...

BECAUSE OF THAT "SMALL LIE"..

HEE HEE

YOU'RE LITTLE SISTER AND BEST FRIEND ARE IN TROUBLE.

HEE HEE

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO THEM!?

I'D FEEL SO SORRY FOR THEM...

AND, " FALCON", IT WOULD...

ALL. BE. YOUR. FAULT.

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emergency

YES...

THE ONE IN "THIRD-I"'S SECRET ARCHIVE..

DELETE THE "CHRISTMAS MASSACRE" VIDEO...!?

ALL WE WANT YOU TO DO IS GET RID OF THAT RUSSIAN FILE.

IF YOU DO THAT FOR US, WE WON'T TOUCH THOSE TWO.

WHY...!?

EVEN IF I DELETE THAT, THE ORIGINAL CHIP IS STILL THERE...

I PROMISE.

THIS IS GOOD..

.....

BUT, YOU KIDNAPPED HER AGAIN RIGHT AFTERWARDS!!!

THAT'S JUST WHAT YOU WANT ME TO THINK!!

LIKE WHEN YOU HACKED THE TRANSFORMER SUBSTATION... RIGHT?

YOU UNDERSTAND, DON'T YOU? WE KEEP OUR PROMISES...

IS THERE STILL SOME SECRET HIDDEN IN IT?

BUT...WHY IS SHE SO OBSESSED WITH DELETING THAT ONE COPY?

...

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, TAKAGI-KUN?

ARE YOU GOING TO DO WHAT I'M ASKING?

HAVE THEY FORGOTTEN...? ...NO...

AND...WHAT ABOUT THE ORIGINAL?

...HEE HEE.

WHAT...

ARE YOU CONFLICTED ABOUT?

YOU'VE BEEN HACKING INTO "THIRD-I"...

SINCE YOU WERE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.

AL-THOUGH...

...

ISN'T WHAT I'M ASKING..

QUITE A SIMPLE TASK?

IT HAS BECOME QUITE A SECURE SYSTEM..

BECAUSE YOU HELPED DESIGN THEIR FIREWALL.

THIRD i

"THIRD-I"'S SYSTEM ISN'T SO EASY TO GET INTO.

NOW...

MAKE ANY HEADWAY TOWARDS HACKING INTO THE STRENGTHENED SYSTEM.

YES.

UNFORTUNATELY, OUR HACKERS HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO...

DID YOU HEAR THAT FROM HOUSHOU-SAN?

THANKS TO THAT, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO DEFEAT THEM!

BECAUSE OF THAT, I FILLED ALL THE HOLES THROUGH WHICH A HACKER COULD GET IN.

THE ONE WHO KNOWS THE METHODS HACKERS USE BEST...

IS A HACKER.

ISN'T IT LIKE GETTING INTO YOUR OWN GARDEN?

BUT YOU CREATED THIS FIREWALL.

HEE HEE...

AS EXPECTED OF FALCON.

OH... EXCELLENT

YOU DON'T REALLY HAVE A CHOICE, DO YOU?

BUT EVEN IF IT WON'T BE EASY...

OH, MY.

SUCH HUMILITY.

IT WON'T BE THAT EASY...

THE CONCEPT WAS THAT NOT EVEN I WOULD BE ABLE TO GET IN.

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WHAT'S THE STATUS OF THE FLEEING CAR THAT WE BELIEVE...

KANOU AND ORIHARA MAYA ARE RIDING?

WE'RE IN PURSUIT AT A DISTANCE WHERE WE CAN JUST BARELY KEEP TRACK OF THEM.

THE FLEEING CAR HAS SHOWN NO INDICATION THAT THEY ARE AWARE OF OUR PURSUIT

KIRISHIMA HERE.

THIS IS SAKAKI.

YOU'RE RIGHT

I'M SURE THEY WOULD THINK OF THE POSSIBILITY OF US SENDING OUT A HELICOPTER.

IF THEY'RE ONLY ON THE LOOKOUT FOR PURSUIT BY CAR, THEY COULD LEAD US TO THEIR HIDEOUT..

BUT I DOUBT WE'LL BE THAT LUCKY.

THEY SHOULD KNOW HOW "THIRD-I" DOES THINGS.

IF THE TRAITOR IS THERE...

BUT..

WE'VE CALCULATED THEIR LIKELY ESCAPE ROUTE...

AND WE'VE ALERTED ALL THE POLICEMEN ON THE STREETS TO PUT COOPERATING WITH US AT TOP PRIORITY.

SO DO THEY KNOW WE'RE THERE, BUT ARE PRETENDING NOT TO NOTICE...?

WHAT COULD THEY GAIN FROM THAT...?

SAWAKITA... HOW GOES THE PURSUIT BY VEHICLE?

WE HAVEN'T SENT ANY OUT FROM "THIRD-I".

AND IF THEY TRY TO FORCE THEIR WAY THROUGH...

WE'LL TAKE THAT AS RESISTING ARREST AND FIRE.

SO YOU'RE MAKING THE POLICE HATE US AGAIN.

THEN WE'LL WORK WITH THE POLICE TO STOP THEM.

ONCE WE GET OUT OF THE TOWN, WE'LL LOWER OUR ALTITUDE.

MINAMI, PREPARE TO FIRE.

IF THEY MAKE ANY SUSPICIOUS MOVEMENTS, USE THE ARMOR PIERCING ROUNDS TO DESTROY THEIR ENGINE BLOCK.

ROGER!

OKAY.

HINATA, GET CLOSER TO THE TARGET

ROGER.

THIS HAS GOTTEN PRETTY LARGE-SCALE...WE'LL LEAVE THE AFTERMATH TO YOU.

WE'LL TELL THEM TO HELP YOU OUT IN THE INDUSTRIAL AREA 2 KM AHEAD.

UNDER-STOOD.

UNDER-STOOD.

LUCKILY THIS IS A SATURDAY, SO THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY PEDESTRIANS IN THE AREA.

DO YOUR VERY BEST TO KEEP ANY CIVILIANS FROM COMING TO HARM.

ROGER!!

BRACE YOURSELF!!

WE HAVEN'T HAD A RAID IN A WHILE.

AND OF COURSE..

HIS CELL WON'T CONNECT

SAWAKITA-SAN.

HAS CHIEF SONOMA ARRIVED YET?

WELL... ACCORDING TO HIS SCHEDULE, HE SHOULD CURRENTLY BE TRAVELING IN A PRIVATE AIRCRAFT.

.. IS IT POSSIBLE THAT HOUSHOU-SAN KNEW OF HIS SCHEDULE?

...I DON'T KNOW.

HOW LONG UNTIL HE LANDS?

ABOUT 30 MINUTES.

BUT...AS A CLASS III INVESTIGATOR, SHE HAD ACCESS TO THE SCHEDULE DATA OF THE SENIOR STAFF MEMBERS.

SO IT WOULDN'T BE UNUSUAL IF SHE DID KNOW.

WE CAN'T WAIT.

CONTACT THE AIRPORT'S CONTROL ROOM AND INSTRUCT THEM TO USE THE PILOT'S RADIO TO CONNECT US TO CHIEF SONOMA!

UNDERSTOOD.

...

WHAT IS IT?

WITH JUST ONE FILE...

I CAN TELL WHAT HE'S THINKING AS EASILY AS PICKING IT UP IN MY HAND.

YOU CAN SAVE THEIR LIVES.

BUT THINKING ABOUT IT WON'T SHOW YOU THE ANSWER.

THE TRUE MEANING HIDDEN IN THAT FILE.

NOT EVEN THE RUSSIAN INTELLIGENCE OPERATIVE NOTICED...

I CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN ..!!

TCH. ARE THESE PEOPLE SERIOUS !!

I'LL DO IT.

THEY'LL DIE.

IS THAT SO?

HOW WISE OF YOU.

I HAVE NO CHOICE.

I JUST HAVE TO DO IT, RIGHT?

I HAVE TO AT LEAST PRETEND TO HACK IN!!

F10
F1
F2
NumLk
Back space
Enter
Shift
BUT... IT'LL TAKE TIME.
OH...
EVEN THOUGH YOU MADE THE PROTECTION YOURSELF?
I ALREADY TOLD YOU..
I FILLED AS MANY OF THE HOLES THAT HACKERS WOULD AIM FOR AS I COULD.
THE FACT THAT I MADE IT...
MAKES NO DIFFERENCE!
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...
IF I CAN STALL FOR SOME TIME HERE...
THE FIREWALL I PUT TOGETHER IS A COUNTER ATTACK TYPE SYSTEM.
WHEN IT SENSES AN INTRUSION, THE SERVER ITSELF WILL BEGIN A DOS ATTACK ON THE COMPUTER HERE...
IN AN ATTEMPT TO BRING IT DOWN
DOOOOO

IT'S A VIRUS THAT DESTROYS THE HARD DISK IN ORDER TO MAKE THEM UNABLE TO HACK.

IS A TROJAN SPECIFICALLY TARGETED AT HACKERS.

A-AND FURTHER-MORE...

IN THE HUGE AMOUNT OF DATA SENT DURING THE DOS ATTACK...

OH...

THAT'S AMAZING.

!

IT'S OKAY.

HE HAD JUST MADE UP HIS MIND.

SORRY I'M LATE.

I'LL INTRO-DUCE HIM.

HE'S OUR IT SPECIALIST

.....!?

WHO'S THIS GUY?!

YOU'RE THE CHARISMATIC HACKER WHO'S EVEN BEEN CALLED A "WIZARD".

I'M EAGER TO SEE YOU AT WORK.

I'M MIKHAIL.

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OH...

THAT'S NOT MY REAL NAME.

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CRAP, THIS GUY...

HE'LL KNOW!!

IF HE BETRAYS MY EXPECTATIONS, SEND THIS EMAIL RIGHT THEN AND THERE.

IF THAT HAPPENS...

WILL DO.

SO COULD YOU TELL ME WHETHER HE ACTUALLY DELETES THE TARGET FILE EVEN IF HE MANAGES TO HACK IN?

HE'S BEEN PURPOSEFULLY STALLING...

HE'LL BE FIRST.

...!!

HEE HEE HEE

KUJOU OTOYA...

WILL DIE.

HEE HEE HEE

...A VIRUS!?

SO I WAS RIGHT.

I DIDN'T... HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT THAT!!

IMMEDIATELY!!

AS SOON AS SHE GETS BACK, CAPTURE HER!!

...HOUSHOU..!!

.OKAY..

SHE MUST HAVE HAD A GOAL AT "THIRD-I"..

I DON'T THINK SHE'LL JUST RUN AWAY...

SO ALL SHE DID WAS CAST DOUBT AND PRETEND TO BE AN INVESTIGATOR..?

MOST LIKELY...SHE WON'T BE COMING BACK.

!

BE ON THE LOOKOUT AS THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF HER ATTEMPTING TO INFILTRATE ONE OF OUR FACILITIES.

WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT INVESTIGATOR HOUSHOU SAYURI IS AN ENEMY!

COMMUNICATE THIS TO ALL SECURITY IN ALL FACILITIES RELATED TO "THIRD-I".

IF YOU SPOT HER, CAPTURE HER!!

AN ENVIRONMENTAL SUIT_?!

IT'S A VIRUS!!!
RUUUN!!

RETREAT!!

SAKAKI-SAN!!

AAH!

SAKAKI-SAN!? WHAT IS IT...?

AAH!

WAAAAH!

EVERYONE RETREAT!!

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YOUR TIME LIMIT IS FIVE MINUTES.

File 32
THE EVOLVED FALCON

I LEAVE IT TO YOU.

HACK INTO THE SECRET ARCHIVE AND DELETE THE STILL ENCRYPTED "CHRISTMAS MASSACRE" FILE WITHIN THE TIME LIMIT.

F-FIVE MINUTES

THAT'S WAY TOO SHORT...

THAT'S YOUR "JOB".

IF YOU CAN'T DO IT...

PEOPLE WILL DIE.

EVEN IF IT'S IMPOSSIBLE, YOU HAVE NO CHOICE.

I CAN'T TRICK HIM OR STALL FOR TIME...

FROM WHAT THEY SAID BEFORE, IT SEEMS LIKE THIS GUY KNOWS MORE ABOUT COMPUTERS THAN ORIHARA-SENSEI...

THEY'LL BE

HACK IN WITHIN 5 MINUTES...

IF I DON'T_

RETREAT!!
EVERYONE RETREEEAT!!!

!!

TO THE FACTORY

GET BACK!! GET BAAACK!!

A VIRUS!? I DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT THAT!!

IT'S A VIRUS!! RETREAT!

WAIT, KUSUNOKI! WITHOUT THE PROPER EQUIPMENT...

I WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY!!

Cough

Cough

WAAH!!

Cough

PLEASE...

STAY BACK...!!

MINAM!!!

KUSUNOKI!!

!

CAPTAIN!!!

KIRISHIMA!!

YES.

DEPENDING ON THAT

YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT VIRUS THIS IS AND HOW BAD AND HOW INFECTIOUS IT IS...RIGHT?

!!ROGER...!

TERADA!

WORK WITH THE POLICE FORCE TO SURROUND THE FACTORY THAT THE ENEMY IS HIDING IN!!

AND VIRUS THEY HAVE IS MOST LIKELY ONE DEVELOPED BY THE FORMER SOVIET UNION CODE NAMED "BLOODY-X"!!

I MADE A SEARCH BASED ON THE INFORMATION ON THE RUSSIAN VIRUS WE GOT FROM FUJIMARU-KUN...

I FOUND IT!!

HOW LONG AFTER INFECTION DO THE SYMPTOMS START APPEARING AND WHAT'S THE SURVIVAL RATE!?

THE SYMPTOMS BEGIN WITH... VOMITING AND A FEVER.

THEN... BLEEDING FROM ALL OF THE BODY'S MUCOUS MEMBRANES.

THE SKIN GETS INFLAMED AND...

THAT'S... ENOUGH!!

MINAMI AND KUSUNOKI PRACTICALLY BATHED IN THE STUFF!!

SYMPTOMS START WITHIN 3 HOURS OF INFECTION.

AND THE SURVIVAL RATE IS...

!.....

PRETTY MUCH...

.....

ZERO.

IS THERE ANY WAY TO KEEP IT FROM SPREADING!?

THE WIND IS PICKING UP..

AT THIS RATE IT'LL BE SCATTERED EVERYWHERE!!

IT WON'T SURVIVE VERY LONG IN THE AIR.

BUT IF IT MANAGES TO INFECT A SINGLE PERSON AFTER SCATTERING, IT CAN SPREAD!

YOU NEED TO STERILIZE THE WHOLE PLACE IMMEDIATELY AND QUARANTINE THOSE WHO ARE INFECTED!!

STERILIZE ..

IF WE'D BEEN TOLD WE'D BE DEALING WITH A VIRUS WHEN WE LEFT, WE'D HAVE THE EQUIPMENT TO DO THAT..

SAWAKITA! HOW HEAT-RESISTANT IS THIS VIRUS!?

IT'S DESTROYED AT 60 DEGREES CELSIUS..

SHOOT THE CAR'S GAS TANK!!

THE EXPLOSION WILL BURN AWAY THE VIRUS!!

MINAMI !!

ROGER!!

I DON'T WANNA DIE...

LIKE THAT...!!

HEY, KUSUNOKI!

GET UP ALREADY!!

...MINA... MI-SAN...

I...DON'T WANNA DIE.

WAAA

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AH

BUT!!

CALM DOWN!!

WE DON'T KNOW THAT THIS IS A VIRUS FOR SURE!!

NO

NO

NO!!

RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE TO PREVENT AN OUTBREAK!!

!!

KUSUNOKI !!!

YOU UNDERSTAND, DON'T YOU? WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO IF YOU TOUCH SOMEONE ELSE AND SPREAD THE VIRUS...?

IF I NEED TO STOP YOU...

I WILL SHOOT YOU!!

DON'T RUN.

YOU'RE PART OF "THIRD-I", RIGHT?

.....

...DAMN IT...!!

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……!

THE TEMPERATURE WAS. 70 DEGREES.

IT REACHED ABOUT 5 METERS AROUND GROUND ZERO.

WE'LL CALL A QUARANTINE VEHICLE..

AND GET YOU TO THE MEDICAL BUILDING!

..WELL DONE, MINAMI.

YOU AND KUSUNOKI WILL WAIT HERE ON ALERT FOR NOW.

THIS WILL KEEP IT FROM SPREADING TO A CERTAIN EXTENT...

.....

...

SORRY FOR CAUSING SO MUCH TROUBLE.

...ROGER, CAPTAIN.

WE WON'T 'CAUSE, SIS, YOU WOULDN'T D.E EVEN IF SOMEONE KILLED YOU

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, AND TELL MOM THE SAME.

I DON'T THINK I'LL BE COMING HOME FOR A WHILE.

RING RING

HELLO... MOM?

...OH, IT'S TAKASHI.

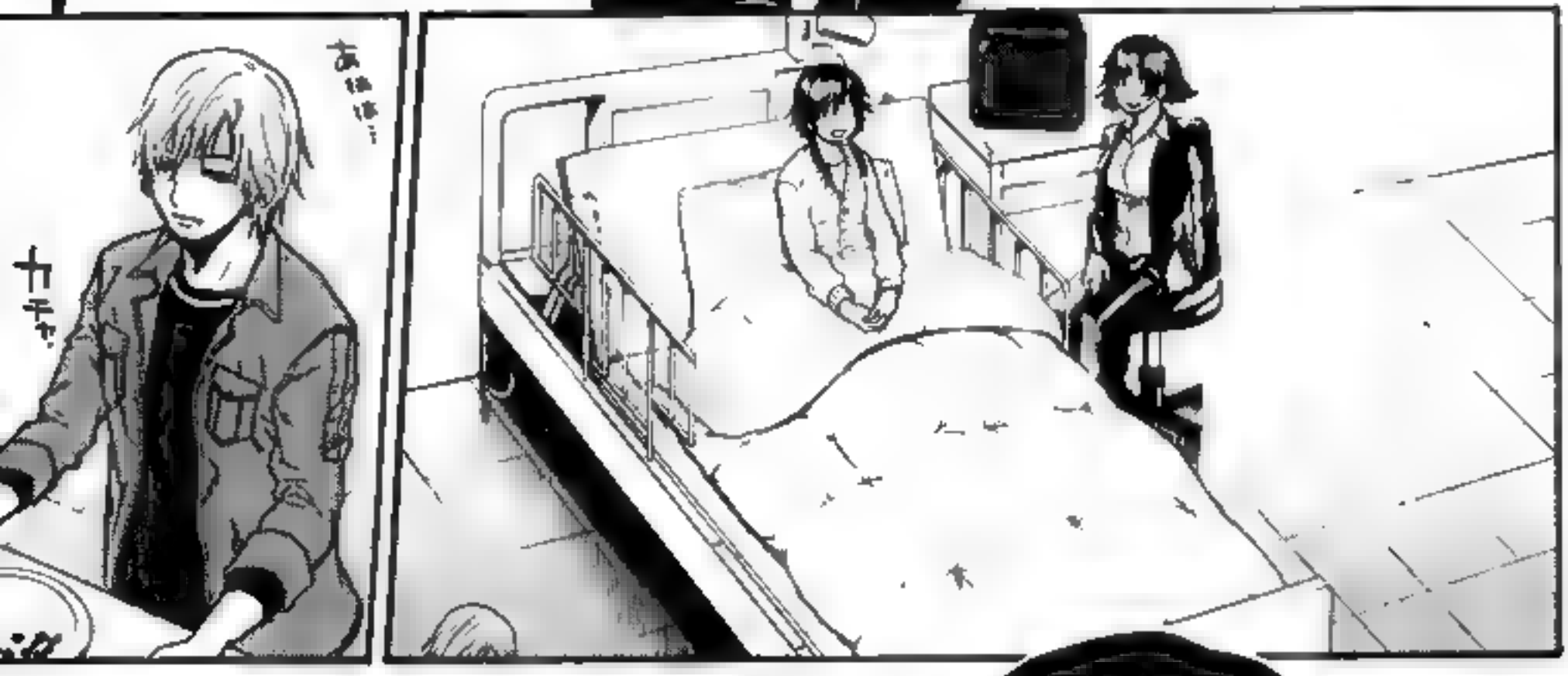
...YEAH...A LITTLE.

...GEEZ.

I'LL REMEMBER THAT WHEN I GET BACK.

..WELL...TAKE CARE...OKAY?

RIGHT?



THAT'S RIGHT
IT'S JUST THE SAME.
A BROTHER AND SISTER!

OH...
SINCE HE'S YOUR BROTHER, HE MUST BE A RELIABLE PERSON.
HOW OLD IS HE?

SO YOU HAVE AN OLDER BROTHER, TOO, HOUSHOU-SAN.
JUST LIKE ME.

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EH?

BUT THEN, HOUSHOU-SAN, YOU'RE...

HE'S DEAD.

I FINALLY ENDED UP CATCHING UP WITH HIM.

AH...

I'M SORRY.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT

IT'S BEEN 5 YEARS.

AH.

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YOU REALLY DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT!

OKAY? HERE, HAVE SOME TEA...

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HOUSHOU-SAN!?

SORRY...

I DIDN'T MEAN TO BUMP INTO YOU SO HARD...

SORRY FOR SURPRISING YOU, HARUKA-CHAN.

ARE YOU OKAY?

HOUSHOU-SAN.

DID...

SOMETHING HAPPEN?

...OH,

HOUSHOU-SAN.

(E,

MAN, AM I GETTING OLD?

NO, NOTHING.

I'M FINE! IT WAS JUST SOME MUSCLE PAIN.

IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE. I'LL DO IT!

IS THE TEA OKAY?

DON'T WORRY! IT'S BAD FOR ME TO NOT MOVE AROUND A LITTLE.

I'LL DEAL WITH IT

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PROBABLY.

BUT THAT TIME LIMIT IS TO MAKE SURE THAT HE DOESN'T TRY ANY TRICKS.

THINGS ARE GOING WELL FOR NOW.

BUT...

ISN'T 5 MINUTES TOO SHORT A TIME?

...ROGER.

IF 5 MINUTES ISN'T ENOUGH, YOU CAN EXTEND BY 3 MINUTES.

WAS MIKHAIL-KUN IN A BAD MOOD?

OUR IT GROUP COULDN'T GET THROUGH THE "THIRD-I" FIREWALL EVEN WITH A WHOLE WEEK TO WORK ON IT.

...WHAT IS IT?

!?

...WHAT DID HE DO?

!

...IT'S NOT THAT...

HE FINISHED...

HACKING...!!

...RELEASE THEM.

THAT WAS YOUR RULE, RIGHT?

NOW DO AS YOU PROMISED.

YEAH...

FIVE MINUTES WOULD'VE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE.

DIDN'T YOU SAY IT WOULD TAKE TIME?

HE COULDN'T DO IT GIVEN A WHOLE WEEK.

...WHAT'S GOING ON?

...YOU'RE DONE?

I DIDN'T EVEN TAKE 5 MINUTES?

FOR ME WHEN I MADE IT...

THAT IS.

HE...

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REALLY IS DANGEROUS.

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WE HAVE TO ELIMINATE HIM...

AS WELL AS KUJOU OTOYA.

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